

SUMMER INSTITUTE ON MORAL ISSUES

Threats to the Lives of Devalued People, and an Invitation to Take a Coherent Stance in Opposition to It

In our society, there is growing support for many forms of “deathmaking” of devalued people, such as those who are impaired, poor, old, or seen as “costly,” and such deathmaking is already being practiced on a large scale. Deathmaking refers to a wide range of practices, from outright intentional killing to very indirect measures, that abbreviate or end human life.

This Two-Day Workshop Presents:

- The reasons behind the deathmaking of devalued people, along with the personal and societal dynamics that fuel it.
- The major forms that deathmaking takes in Western cultures today, including the many disguises and concealments that make it less obvious and less repugnant.
- Ways in which those concerned for the well-being of devalued people can protect them from deathmaking.

The workshop proposes that a coherent position against all forms of deathmaking of humans is needed--and rare--and challenges participants to work towards adopting such a position.

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Based on the work of Dr. Wolfensberger (1934–2011)

When: July 23–24, 2026
(Thursday & Friday) 8:30 AM - 4 PM
Where: The Nemasket Group
109 Fairhaven Road
Mattapoisett, MA 02739
Fee: \$200

Format: This workshop will consist of a series of lectures with visual illustrations, opportunities for questions and discussion, and guided times for personal reflection and self-examination exercises.

Breakfast and Lunch provided both days. Each day will also include breaks, though participants should be prepared for extended periods of focused and attentive listening.

The workshop will be led by a group of people who have devoted decades to teaching and bringing this issue to the forefront of human services.

Limited financial assistance may be available for those who need it.

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