



**Brandon and Area Suicide Prevention  
Implementation Network (SPIN)  
Presents Dr. Bill Webster, D. Min, FT**



The experience of loss due to suicide can be devastating. Providing services to affected individuals is complex. SPIN invites service providers with an interest in this topic to attend this important clinical workshop.

## “ Suicide Grief, Loss & Recovery”

Thursday, April 7, 2016 9:00am —4:00pm

Registration 8:30am Cost \$50 (lunch not included)

Royal Oak Inn & Suites 3130 Victoria Ave Brandon, MB

### The Uniqueness of Grief after Suicide

A review of some of the existing theories of grief and a presentation of a new understanding of how grief affects suicide survivors.

### The Trauma of Grief after Suicide

A discussion on recent studies and promising practices that take into account the effects of suicide related trauma on the brain.

### Healing Strategies for Grief after Suicide

A practical case study demonstrating effective communication with survivors of suicide loss. What is healing? Is “healing” or “recovery” a viable goal of therapy or support? What can we realistically offer the survivors of suicide that will enable them to go on with life?

**Registration:** Please register before March 18, 2016 - no refunds/substitutions welcome

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

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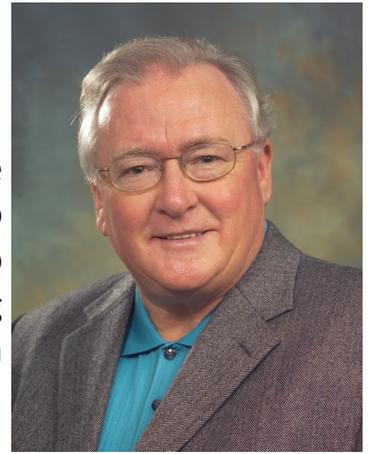
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## Biography: “Introducing Dr. Bill Webster.”

**Dr. Bill Webster** is the founder and Executive Director of the Centre for the Grief Journey. Widowed in 1983, Bill struggled to come to terms with his own loss, as well as the task of bringing up his two sons, who were 9 and 7 when their mother died. After graduating from the University of Toronto with his doctorate in 1990, Bill began facilitating grief support programs in numerous communities.



Dr. Webster brings a unique blend of personal experience, academic education and many years of practical application to his work. Acknowledged as a dynamic, personable and practical speaker, Dr. Webster combines his own story with his knowledge and sense of humor to effectively communicate his message.

Dr. Webster conducts many professional seminars and educational programs on the topics of grief and loss both in North America and in Britain. He has authored numerous books, including **“Understanding Bereavement”**; **“Grief Journey”**; **“When Someone You Care About Dies”**; **“Why Me?”**; **“When Someone You Care About is Grieving”**; **“A Not-So-Jolly Christmas”**; and **“Now What”**, and more recently, **“Help Me ... If You Can: Coping with Life Threatening Situations.”** as well as many articles and DVD’s. Dr. Webster produced and hosted a nationally broadcast weekly television program with CTS entitled **“Living with Loss”**.

Dr. Webster recently produced a 3 DVD series entitled **“Grief Matters.”** He has developed a Training Program on **“How to Organize and Facilitate Community Grief Support Groups”** which along with a total package of support materials and manuals, provides agencies the resources to provide grief support to its constituents. He also has a very innovative website at [www.griefjourney.com](http://www.griefjourney.com). He has recently developed a brand new concept in grief support on a web portal and is pioneering a new concept in bringing grief support to a new generation on Facebook.

Dr. Webster is a member of the Association for Death Education and Grief Counselling, who recently awarded him their prestigious Fellow in Thanatology from University of Illinois in recognition of his work and his contribution to the field of grief counseling.

Bill is married to Johanna and they live in Mississauga, Ontario. His two sons live in BC and he is the proud grandfather of three granddaughters, Elowyn, Ivy and Skylar, and one grandson, Owen William.