Faith Community Collaborations

The Massachusetts Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center (MADRC) and the Center for Alzheimer Research and Treatment (CART) support patients and families in their faith communities where they feel most valued.

**Who are we?**

The Outreach, Recruitment and Engagement Core of MADRC strives to educate communities about current advances in early Alzheimer’s disease and other neuro-degenerative dementias, as well as increase public awareness about the importance of clinical research.

**Why collaborate?**

We are partnering with faith communities to educate individuals about Alzheimer’s disease and offer support to those who are affected by the condition and their loved ones.

Education is critical for communities to understand what is currently happening in Alzheimer’s disease clinical care and research. Research participation allows patients and families access to new treatments and to help find a cure. People suffering from memory and thinking disorders need support and encouragement to seek a medical evaluation and diagnosis. Education helps to reduce the stigma that can often be associated with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

By collaborating with faith communities, we are able to offer information and support in places where people feel most comfortable and valued.
How will the faith community initiative support my community?

MADRC and CART aim to support the unique needs of individual faith communities. We create customized programs to suit the needs of your faith community, and provide resources and support at existing community events. If you wish to create a customized event, our various speakers are experts in the field and can educate about topics such as:

- Normal versus abnormal memory in aging
- The importance of obtaining an early diagnosis in Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias
- Prevention strategies for brain health, including the importance of diet and exercise.
- Advances in research, including a review of observational, prevention and treatment studies.

How can we collaborate?

If your faith community is interested in collaborating, please contact us:

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“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”

- Coretta Scott King