

**BPUSA 2018 SPEAKER APPLICATION**  
**The deadline for applications is October 1, 2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

(Please fill in all categories that apply to you, not just the one you would speak about.)

I am a . . . \_\_\_\_\_ **Bereaved Parent** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bereaved Grandparent** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bereaved Sibling**

In the space below, provide information for up to two children/siblings/grandchildren. If there are more, please attach an additional document.

First and last name of child/grandchild/sibling: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Cause of Death \_\_\_\_\_

First and last name of child/grandchild/sibling: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Cause of Death \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- Notification of speaker acceptance will begin in November. However, the actual day and time that a particular speaker is scheduled may not be available at that time. If you need your presentation to be scheduled on a certain day or time, please provide details of the circumstances and we will attempt to accommodate your request.
- Please be aware that we may need to edit the information you provide here in the interest of brevity or clarity.
- If you are the author of a book for sale, please contact Janet at Centering Corporation to inquire about having your book made available in the gathering bookstore. You can reach Janet at 402-553-1200.
- If you have a book, we ask that you don't make repeated references to it or read from it while speaking. Past attendee evaluations have indicated a negative reaction when authors refer repeatedly to their books during the keynote. Instead, please mention it at the beginning of your address, and tell the audience that it is available at the gathering book store.
- If you have video of prior speaking engagements, please send a file or link along with your application.
- Please provide a current photo to use in the event you are chosen to be one of our speakers.
- All speakers are expected to also do a minimum of one workshop.
- Speakers are expected to attend the entire Gathering Conference in order to be available to our Gathering Attendees.
- **The speaker's registration fee, weekend meal plan, and two nights in the hotel are provided by the Gathering Committee. However, Speakers are required to register for the Gathering.**

**Only three speakers will be selected. I will be available to speak at any of following times:**

Friday: Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday: Lunch \_\_\_\_\_

The gathering committee will try to accommodate all requests, but be aware that we may need to change your schedule due to cancellations and other unexpected disruptions.

Submit application online at  
<https://bereavedparentsusa.org/gathering-home/>  
(preferred method)

or  
Print this application and mail to:  
Jodi Norman  
539 Harrison Circle  
Locust Grove, VA 22508

**"Whispers of Hope"**

**August 3-5, 2018**

**Memphis, TN**

Whispering Woods Conference Center  
7300 Hacks Cross Road  
Olive Branch, MS

For questions regarding the  
application process contact

Jodi Norman  
[bpusaspeaker@gmail.com](mailto:bpusaspeaker@gmail.com)  
703-656-6999

**YOUR GRIEF EXPERIENCE**

In 4-5 sentences, please tell us about your grief experience and other credentials and how they relate to your talk. Include information on prior speaking engagements – keynotes, addresses for bereavement groups or chapters, other presentations – and the topic(s) on which you spoke.

This section is to give the committee an idea of what your talk is about and the information you will be presenting to the attendees. The structure portion is particularly important to the committee.

**Presentations must be at least 20 minutes in length, and not longer than 30 minutes.**

**Preferred title of talk**

**Talk topic**

**Basic structure of your talk with specifics**

**Key takeaway—how attendees can apply what they learned from you**

**BPUSA will provide a microphone for your presentation. Do you need additional A/V Equipment? Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_**

**If yes, please indicate specific needs:**

\_\_\_\_\_additional microphone(s), wired only \_\_\_\_\_projector \_\_\_\_\_screen \_\_\_\_\_audio (i.e. playing music)

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_