



BPUSA GATHERING CONFERENCE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER APPLICATION

(Submission deadline October 15, 2021)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _(_____) _____ Home Phone: _(_____) _____

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

I am a... Bereaved Parent Bereaved Sibling Bereaved Grandparent

Please provide the following information. If necessary, attach an additional page.

First and last name of child/sibling/grandchild: _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____ Cause of Death _____

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Notification of speaker acceptance will begin in November. However, the actual day and time that a 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 bio information you provide below in the interest of brevity or clarity.
- 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. The Gathering Program Book can include details about the availability of your book.
- **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 do a minimum of one workshop and 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 Conference Committee. (Please register for the Gathering Conference for our record-keeping.)

I will be available to speak at the following times:

Friday Lunch Dinner **Saturday** Breakfast Lunch

The Committee will try to accommodate your request but may need to change the schedule in the case of unforeseen circumstances.

"Reflecting and Connecting"
July 22-24, 2022
St. Louis, MO

Le Méridien St. Louis Clayton Plaza Hotel
7730 Bonhomme Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105

Email this application to Liz at:
bppresidentusa@gmail.com
(preferred)

Or print and mail application to:
Liz Boenig
2700 Faulkner Dr.
College Station, TX 77845

YOUR GRIEF BIO:

In 4-5 sentences, please tell us about your grief experience and other credentials and how they relate to your talk. **The committee will use this information as your bio in the Gathering Program Book.** Also include information here on prior speaking engagements – keynotes, addresses for bereavement groups or chapters, other presentations – and the topic(s) on which you spoke. Video links or files are appreciated!

This section is to give the Gathering Conference 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 Gathering Conference 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:

How might attendees 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:** _____