

Dr. Lorraine Wright



Today Latter-day Saint women, such as Dr. Lorraine Wright, continue to contribute their knowledge to educating others nationally and internationally. Dr. Wright received her PhD from Brigham Young University. After working 28 years in a rewarding academic career as a professor in the University of Calgary's faculties of nursing and medicine and as the director of the Family Nursing Unit, Dr. Wright retired from the university but not from her career. She decided to continue sharing her knowledge and experience with others by lecturing and conducting workshops. To that end, she travels nationally and internationally to teach health-care profes-

sionals how to assist families who are suffering with serious illness.

She specifically offers lectures about families and illness beliefs; illness suffering and spirituality; and healing practices. She loves to learn from other cultures about their family, health and spiritual rituals and practices in order to help families heal from illness.

She has been to 74 countries in order to learn about health-care healing and treatment practices. She plans to visit many more, as she explains: "One of the great lessons learned through interviewing families in many countries has been that suffering is a universal phenomenon regardless of race, religion, culture or ethnic background. Therefore, the clinical practices of acknowledging and witnessing illness suffering and offering commendations and authentic compassion are therapeutic practices that can promote healing regardless of culture or country."

Dr. Wright has also published 12 books and numerous articles and chapters. Her most recent book, published in 2017, is *Suffering and Spirituality: The Path to Illness Healing*. In 2013, Dr. Wright was awarded the prestigious Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in Canada. She has also received honorary doctorates from the University of Montreal in 2008 and Linnaeus University, Kalmar, Sweden, in 2012.