

# **James Ellor, Ph.D.**

**Professor of Social Work at Baylor University**

Waco, TX, US

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## **Biography**

Dr. Ellor previously served as professor of human services and gerontology at National - Louis University in Wheaton, Ill., for 21 years. In this capacity he also was the director of the Center for Positive Aging. Concurrent to this position, he served part-time as an on-call chaplain at Edward Hospital in Naperville, Ill. Previously, he was a research associate at the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago. Dr. Ellor works with older adults around issues of mental and spiritual health. He has served on the executive committee of the Midwestern Geriatric Education Center and provides education, counseling, and planning for individuals and groups who work with seniors. His research includes work in endosomal therapy, hunger, spiritual assessment, meaning and aging, role of the church with older adults. More recently, his work has been in volunteer communities as well as disaster behavioral health. He has further developed intervention techniques with cognitively impaired older adults and theological bridges between psychology and theology. He is married to Janet R. Ellor; they are parents of Lisa and Margaret.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Writing and Editing, Elder Care, Education/Learning, Social Services

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Disaster Behavioral Health, Military Family Coping, Stress, Trauma and PTSD, Mental Health for Older Adults, Knowledge and Attitudes of Aging, Grief and Loss Among Alzheimer's Patients, Spiritual Assessment Among the Elderly, Hunger among Older Adults, Training Needs for Paraprofessionals and Professionals, The Role of the Church as Service Provider, Meaning Oriented (Logo) therapy

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## **Affiliations**

Journal of Religion, Spirituality and Aging : Editor, First Presbyterian Church of Waco : Parish Associate

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## **Education**

**Chicago Theological Seminary**

Ph.D. Personality and Theology

**Chicago Theological Seminary**

D.Min. Counseling with Adults and the Elderly

**McCormick Theological Seminary**  
M.Div. Pastoral Care with the Elderly

**University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration**  
A.M. Social Work with Older Adults

**Kent State University**  
B.A. Sociology

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