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# **Growing Up In Faith With Mental Illness**



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St. Thomas More Catholic Church 940 Carmichael St., Chapel Hill, NC

Friday, April 1, 2016

**Registration:** 7:30 am **Program:** 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

## **Learning Objectives**

At the conclusion of this educational activity, participants will be able to:

- Review model for how a congregation can raise awareness of mental illness.
- List ways that spiritual practices can be used to nurture hardiness in college-aged young adults.
- Identify how to build professional support, coordination and referral structures into children's ministry.
- Recognize how common mental health disorders affect development.
- Discuss how faith plays a role in raising children with mental illness.
- Identify ways to better impact systems such as mental health, juvenile justice, faith communities, and education through hearing the experiences of young people in those systems.
- Discuss the signs and symptoms of depression.

## **AGENDA**

Growing Up In Faith With Mental Illness Friday, April 1, 2016

7:30 am	Registration & Exhibits
9:00	Welcome & Introductions
9:10	About Faith Connections
9:20	Hope & Healing: Surviving the Storm of Teen Depression* Keynote Speaker: Rev. Gary E. Nelson
10:20	Break/Exhibits
10:45	Understanding Mental Illness in Childhood & Adolescence - Recognition & Successful Treatment* Plenary Speaker: <i>Dr. Jack Naftel</i>
11:45	Award Presentation & NAMIWalks
12:00 pm	Lunch (Provided)
12:45	Breakout Sessions Choice of #1 or #2
1:45	Transition Break
2:00	Breakout Sessions Choice of #3 or #4
3:00	Break/Exhibits
3:15	Youth M.O.V.E (Motivating Others Through Voices of Experience) Damie Jackson-Diop & Youth
4:15	Closing Summary: Final Words of Hope Rev. Gary E. Nelson
4:30 pm	Adjourn

Only the sessions marked with an (\*) are eligible for Category A NC Psychology credit.

Handouts will be posted at faithconnectionsonmentalillness.org

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## Keynote Speaker - Gary E. Nelson, DMin



Depression is one of the top killers of teens. Dr. Nelson is a pastoral counselor and pastor with over 38 years of experience working with teens and families. His son suffered through depression and anxiety as a teen. Dr. Nelson used his son's story to talk about teen depression in his book, *A Relentless Hope: Surviving the Storm of Teen Depression*. In this seminar Dr. Nelson will dialogue about teen depression – what it looks like on the outside and inside, help for those teens suffering from depression, and help for those walking the journey with the teens.

## Plenary Speaker - Jack Naftel, MD



Dr. Jack Naftel will discuss the presentation, course and treatments of common mental disorders in childhood and adolescence, with a focus on risks and benefits of pharmacological treatment. The session will cover barriers and difficulties that impair long term treatment success.

## Youth M.O.V.E.



Members of Youth M.O.V.E. North Carolina will work as a diverse collective of young adults to empower youth to advocate for their rights and those of other youth at the local, state and national level. We will raise awareness of youth struggles across all systems and work to reduce the stigma attached to mental health.

#### **Breakout Sessions**

## #1. Parental Insights: Raising Children with Mental Illnesses in Faith

Ruby Brown-Herring, Barbara Hall, Stacey Hirshman

**Objective:** Discuss how faith plays a role in raising children with mental illness.

### #2. Applying Therapeutic Strategies to Children's Ministry

Tina LePage, PsyD

**Objective:** Identify how to build professional support, coordination and referral structures into children's ministry.

### #3. Spiritual Not Religious: Having "None" of That

Jeanine Driscoll, PhD

**Objective:** List ways that spiritual practices can be used to nurture hardiness in college-aged young adults.

#### #4. One Church's Efforts to Raise Mental Health Awareness

Jay Williams, PhD, LCSW & Elinor Williams, MSW, LCSW

Objective: Review model for how a congregation can raise awareness of mental illness.

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## Friday, April 1, 2016

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