



FAITH CONNECTIONS ON MENTAL ILLNESS

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Mental Health Workshop for Clergy, Individuals, & Professionals

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (January 26, 2015) – The Faith Connections on Mental Illness 5th Annual Conference will be held on Friday, April 10, 2015 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Chapel Hill. The keynote speaker is Amy Simpson, Senior Editor of *Leadership Journal*, and author of *Troubled Minds: Mental Illness and the Church's Mission* and *Anxious: Choosing Faith in a World of Worry*. Invited Speaker Rev. Alan Johnson, co-founder of Interfaith Network on Mental Illness, will facilitate discussions focusing on specific steps for congregations to start a mental health ministry. Guest speakers Shelly Danser and John Gilmore will lead break-out sessions.

Professional Continuing Education credits are available from Wake Area Health Education Center (AHEC). Anyone who wants to learn more about mental illness and the community's role in recovery is encouraged to attend.

Registration is \$25/person by 3/20/15 and \$35 thereafter. CEUs are optional for an additional \$20 via Wake AHEC. Register online at www.wakeahec.org or call 919-967-5403 for a mail-in registration form. Faith Connections on Mental Illness is an inter-faith coalition of faith communities whose mission is working with all faith communities to welcome, include, support, educate, and advocate for individuals and families who are living with mental illness. Visit faithconnectionsmentalillness.org to learn more. ###

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Meeting at St. Thomas More ♦ 940 Carmichael St. ♦ Chapel Hill, NC 27514
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2015 EVENT FACT SHEET

Embracing Troubled Minds: The Role of Faith Communities

We are contacting you on behalf of Faith Connections on Mental Illness (FCOMI). FCOMI is a group of laypeople and clergy from the larger Triangle Area and across NC dedicated to improving perceptions and providing resources to those who need information about mental illness. Every year, FCOMI sponsors a day-long conference that features nationally recognized speakers addressing issues associated with faith and mental illness.

Who: Sponsored by Faith Connections on Mental Illness

- ◆ *Keynote Speaker:* Amy Simpson, MBA; Author and Sr. Ed., *Leadership Journal*
- ◆ *Invited Speaker:* Alan Johnson, MDiv; Co-Founder, Interfaith Network on Mental Illness
- ◆ *Guest Speaker:* Shelly Danser, LCSW; Mental Health America of the Triangle
- ◆ *Guest Speaker:* John Gilmore, MD; Director of UNC Schizophrenia Research Center

What: Faith Connections on Mental Illness 5th Annual Conference:

“Embracing Troubled Minds: The Role of Faith Communities”

- ◆ One-Day Conference
- ◆ Multiple Presentations by Mental Health Experts
- ◆ Registration remains open until filled
- ◆ \$25 Registration fee by March 20, 2015; \$35 after deadline
- ◆ Professional Credits offered for additional \$20 via Wake AHEC

When: Friday, April 10, 2015; 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: St. Thomas More; 940 Carmichael St.; Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Why:

- ◆ *Break down stigma and fears toward those who live with mental illness;*
- ◆ *Start a mental health ministry in 10 steps;*
- ◆ *Implement a Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaging (WISE) Covenant for Mental Health;*
- ◆ *Start, integrate, and sustain a spiritual support group in congregational life;*
- ◆ *Identify local resources for enhancing mental health ministry and care.*

How:

Register Online: www.wakeahec.org or Fax: 919-350-0467 or

Mail: Wake AHEC, 3261 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 212, Raleigh, NC 27604-1657

Call: 919-967-5403 for a paper form or more information

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