

You are invited...

Saturday, March 3, 2018

At Cornerstone UMC, Bear, DE



Peninsula-Delaware Conference Committee on Disability Ministries presents:

“Putting the Pieces Together for Effective Ministries to People with Disabilities”

With Opening Session:

“All About Autism”

ALL ABOUT AUTISM: Finding some answers in order to welcome and engage special children and youth

Autism appears to be on the rise and many questions are also quickly rising regarding its causes, characteristics, and appropriate interventions.

Despite all the questions, one thing is for certain: Children and youth with autism (and their parents) need to experience the welcoming love of Jesus through the church. This plenary session will include a primer on what is known and still unknown about autism spectrum disorders (ASD); some interactive demonstrations regarding the challenges with core communication, behavior, and sensory impairments; and recommendations for making church programs for children and youth with ASD more welcoming and engaging.

Speaker: Lori Bennett is the Clinical Coordinator of therapy services at The Benedictine School, a non-public school for students with multiple disabilities and autism. Lori is a physical therapist with a Master’s degree in Special Education: Severe disabilities and autism. She is also the wife of Reverend David Bennett and leads the “Children’s Chapel” program at Kent Island UMC.

Breakout workshops include:

- Basics 101 for Disability Ministry
- Involving Persons Living with Mental Illness in the Life and Ministry of the Church
- The HOW of HOH: Ministry with people who are hard of hearing
- Embrace: Making community connections with those who have disabilities

Schedule

8:30 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:30 Opening worship and Keynote
Speaker Lori Bennett

10:45-11:45 Workshop session

12 noon – 1 p.m. Lunch and Networking

Registration cost - \$10, due by 2/28/2018

To register, go to www.eiseverywhere.com and register online or use this mail in form. Additional questions, contact the Peninsula Delaware Conference office at 302-674.2626 or email Disability Committee Chair Rev. Rebecca Collison at pastorbecky@gmail.com

For ONLINE REGISTRATION Go to <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/disabilityministry>

For MAIL IN REGISTRATION, please fill in the information below and mail this form and your payment to Rev. Rebecca Collison, c/o Wesley UMC, 102 E. Laurel St., Georgetown, DE 19947.

Be sure to make checks payable to **Pen Del Conference** , and in memo **“Disability 2018”**.

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Church _____ Conference _____

Mailing Address _____

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Best Phone Number _____ Check if CEU’S REQUESTED _____

Accommodations needed (select one) Yes/ No If yes, please specify on line below :

Dietary concerns/restrictions _____

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION.

WRITE THE NUMBER OF YOUR WORKSHOP CHOICE IN SPACE PROVIDED BELOW

Workshop choice _____

#1. Disability Ministry 101: What it is and how it can work

#2 People with Mental Illness Matter: Involving Persons Living with Mental Illness in the Life and Ministry of the Church

#3: The HOW of HOH: Ministry with people who are hard of hearing in the local church

#4 : Embrace: Making community connections with those who have disabilities