

October 6, 2011

Dear Fellow Clergy and Faith Community Leaders,

We are following up on a previous email in order to ensure that you receive an invitation to attend a full day workshop on the opportunities and challenges for faith communities in serving individuals and families affected by mental illness. It is being offered on:

Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm  
at New Hampshire Hospital 36 Clinton Street Concord NH 03301

We offered a half day workshop last year which was very well received; however the attendees felt that a longer more in-depth workshop would be more helpful. Therefore we are offering a more comprehensive workshop this fall. This workshop is intended for ordained clergy serving congregations. Ministry students and endorsed leaders in faith communities without clergy are also welcome to attend.

In addition to the workshop there will be an opportunity to tour and learn more about New Hampshire Hospital and the service delivery system for people with mental illness.

The agenda for the workshop will include:

Introduction to NHH, Pastoral Services and Clergy Visitation of Patients

A brief overview of current understanding of major mental illnesses, changes in treatment over the years, and the mental health care system in NH

Presentation of how various faith communities have and are responding to MI

Small group discussions of scenarios addressing specific issues in congregations involving understanding, supporting and setting boundaries with individuals.

Opportunities to discuss problems, identify resources, and share successes.

*Light snacks and lunch will be provided.*

To register please email or call Rev. Dr. Rachel Keefe by October 20<sup>th</sup> at  
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In faith,

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