OCTOBER 8-9, 2015 CONFERENCE

Join us for a two-day conference hosted by Iliff and co-sponsored by Developmental Pediatrics and JFK Partners at the University of Colorado and Children’s Hospital Colorado. Conference will include plenary sessions and workshops. Clergy and lay leaders from a variety of faith communities can increase their awareness of the importance of enthusiastically welcoming and including children/youth with developmental disabilities and their families.

Cost: $47 - includes conference and three meals. Online registration: http://apps.iliff.edu/ExtraordinaryWelcome

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

4:30 Pre-conference lecture – “Reaching the Bimah, the Altar: Touching the Trees: Interfaith Approaches to Disability Cultures,” Diane Wiener, PhD, Director, Disability Cultural Center, Syracuse University

6:00 Opening dinner and plenary speakers
- Judy Reaven, PhD, Director of the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Clinic, JFK Partners
- Bill Gaventa, MDiv, Coordinator of the Summer Institute on Theology and Disability

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:15 Continental breakfast
8:30 Opening plenary (streamed over breakfast) – “A Theology of Disability and Hospitality,” Thomas Reynolds, PhD, Associate Professor of Theology, Emmanuel College of Victoria University in the University of Toronto

9:45 Workshop Session 1
- What are developmental disabilities?
  - Nicole Tartaglia, MD, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician, Children’s Hospital Colorado
  - Elizabeth Griffith, PhD, Psychologist, Developmental Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital Colorado
  - Judy Reaven, PhD
- Lessons Learned/Starting places Stories from faith communities who have made efforts to reach out to individuals with disabilities and their families
  - Local clergy
- Inclusion: Together, With and By Collaborating WITH people with disabilities and their families on inclusion – what is important to and important for the children and their families?
  - Shelly Christensen, MA, Founder and CEO, Inclusion Innovations
  - Sarah McSweeney, LCSW, Developmental Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital Colorado
  - Jeanette Cordova, Executive Director, El Grupa Vida

11:00 Break
11:15 Workshop Session 2
- Faith development in individuals with developmental disabilities
  - Bill Gaventa, MDiv
  - Elizabeth Griffith, PhD
  - Susan Hepburn, PhD, Director of Research, JFK Partners
- Disability as a human rights issue
  - Edward Antonio, PhD, Associate Dean of Diversities, Iliff School of Theology
  - Diane Wiener, PhD
  - John Derrick, CPNP-PC, MDiv, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Developmental Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital Colorado
- Youth transitions Support and acceptance as children transition to youth – awareness grows, and peer relationships are even more challenging
  - Paul Dressler, MD, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatric Fellow, Developmental Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital Colorado
  - Sarah McSweeney, LCSW
  - Judy Reaven, PhD

12:30 Lunch and Closing Plenary
- Beyond Welcoming to Including: Next Steps
  - Shelly Christensen, MA
  - Bill Gaventa, MDiv

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