

SAVE THE DATE !!!

Faith Connections on Mental Illness 7th Annual Conference Transforming Lives: Overcoming Stigma in Mental Illness Friday, March 31, 2017

St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Chapel Hill, NC
Registration opens on December 5, 2016.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

PATRICK CORRIGAN, PSYD

Distinguished Professor of Psychology at
Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL

Fair and False Ways to Beat the Stigma of Mental Illness

Stigma may be as disabling as mental illness itself. Dr. Corrigan will review efforts to erase stigma that can often lead to unintended negative effects, and he will present ways that faith communities can help to replace stigma with affirming attitudes and behaviors.



PLENARY LECTURE SPEAKER:

DON DIEFENBACH, PHD

Professor and Chair of Dept of Mass Communication at
University of North Carolina at Asheville

Stereotyping Those Living with Mental Illness

The media shapes our ideas and ways in which we understand those around us.

Dr. Diefenbach will discuss the role that the media plays in perpetuating negative stereotypes about mental illness. He will also discuss ways that faith communications can inform and educate others about the stigma of mental illness.



BREAKOUT SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- Caregiver Burnout and Compassion Fatigue
- Discrimination/Advocacy Issues Associated with Mental Illness
- Race, Culture, and Mental Health Disparities
- Overcoming the Stigma of Mental Illness in Schools
- The importance of Telling our Stories about Mental Illness



Faith Connections on Mental Illness is an interfaith coalition of faith communities dedicated to increasing understanding of mental illness through education, advocacy, and support. Faith Connections meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at 1 p.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 940 Carmichael St., Chapel Hill, NC
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