

Presents:

***Honoring a Place in Faith Communities  
For People with Disabilities and their Families II***

***Please reserve these important dates now.***

**Friday, September 24, 2010**

Theme: *What Does "Good Care" Really Mean?*

Who Should Attend:

Professionals Caring for People with Disabilities

Tentative Time: 9:00 am to 3 pm

**Saturday, September 25, 2010**

Theme: *The Divine Power of  
Inclusion and Friendship*

Who Should Attend:

Faith Leaders (Professionals & Lay People)

And Families of People with Disabilities

Tentative Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Host Location for Both Sessions: Souderton Mennonite Church, 105 West Chestnut St., Souderton, PA 18964

Over the two days, this exciting conference will:

- Provide action-oriented workshops filled with tips, tools & wisdom
- Emphasize soul care for caregivers and care receivers
- Enrich congregational life by welcoming people with disabilities and embracing their gifts
- Give faith leaders knowledge and tools to feel confident and competent as they reach out to people with disabilities and their families
- Build support networks for family members dealing with the joys and stresses of having a child/sibling/other family member with a disability
- Assure that people with disabilities in our community are included fully in a supportive faith community, if they wish to be
- Share stories of local congregations working to make their places of worship more accessible for and accepting of those with disabilities

Registration brochures will be available by May. To receive one, submit your contact information to Betsy, [betsyroush@comcast.net](mailto:betsyroush@comcast.net). We'll email or mail one to you as soon as they are available. For more information about Peaceful Living visit [www.peacefulliving.org](http://www.peacefulliving.org) or call 610.287.1200.

**Please tell your friends and colleagues about this event so they, too, can plan to attend!**



**Keynote Speaker Friday and Saturday: *Hans Reinders***, Ph.D.- Willem van der Bergh Professor of Ethics and Mental Disability at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, internationally known author and presenter and parent of child with a disability. His keynote address will focus on ethical issues faced by people in disability services. Author of *Receiving the Gift of Friendship: Profound Disability, Theological Anthropology and Ethics*. Eerdmans Publishing. (February, 2008).

(Friday and Saturday) **Bill Gaventa**, M. Div. – Associate Professor and Director, The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities, UMDNJ – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School; Co-editor of the Journal of Religion, Disability, and Health; Columnist for Insight, the national newsletter for the ArcUSA. Bill recognizes that in the everyday world of individuals with disabilities we are often overwhelmed by the immediate needs of the individual. His focus will be on cultivating a deeper spiritual relationship between caregiver and individual. Visit [www.rwjms.umdj.edu/boggscenter/](http://www.rwjms.umdj.edu/boggscenter/)



(Saturday) **Dr. Edward Tick**, author of the groundbreaking book "War and the Soul" and founder of Soldier's Heart, is a practicing psychotherapist specializing in veterans with PTSD. Ed received his master's in psychology from Goddard College, Vermont and his doctorate in communication from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY. Ed has been in private psychotherapy practice since 1975 and began focusing on veteran's issues in 1979. His pioneering work with Post traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or, in his words, 'loss of the soul', is the basis for his recent book "War and the Soul." He continues his healing work with veterans and other trauma survivors with innovative yet time-honored methods. Visit [www.soldiersheart.net](http://www.soldiersheart.net)