

Suicide and the Church's Ministry

Saturday, January 30, 2010

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

3100 Lilac Drive

Golden Valley

“When my father committed suicide, my church didn't respond. My pastor didn't know how to help. Church members avoided me. I felt isolated and alone.”

This workshop, sponsored by the Presbytery Disability Concerns Task Force, is designed to help church people answer their questions about suicide, recognize warning signs, and minister to those who are coping with loss. All concerned persons are invited. It will be especially helpful for clergy and parish visitors.

8:30 Coffee and sign-in

9:00 Welcome

9:10 Suicide: Facts and Myths

Speaker from Suicide Awareness Voices of Education (SAVE)

10:00 Break

10:15 Breakout Sessions

Suicide among Children and Youth – speaker from SAVE

Suicide Survivors: Coping with Loss – speaker from SAVE

Depression and Older Persons – Jean Ann Buller, Geriatric Mental Health Nurse, Northridge Nursing Home

11:15 The Church's Ministry – Rev. Ross Aalgaard, Westminster Counseling Center

12:00 Closing Prayer

Free Will Offering

Registration

Choose a breakout session

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