

Faith Connections on Mental Illness Task Force on Suicide Prevention/Reduction

Partners in Health and Wholeness and the NC Council of Churches joins the efforts of the Faith Connections on Mental Illness Task Force on Suicide Prevention/Reduction to invite you and your congregation to observe September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. We trust that you and your congregation are doing well as we live through Covid19 and its many disruptions. We know that as people of faith, we are not immune to suicide in our community as well in our congregations.

Faith Connections on Mental Illness Task Force on Suicide Prevention/Reduction is sending you materials that we feel could provide helpful information including sample prayers and liturgies from different faith traditions. You can select something to use during your worship service as well as in your communication with your community:

<https://faithconnectionsmentalillness.org>

https://theactionalliance.org/sites/default/sample_prayers_v3_sm.pdf

The National Suicide Hotline number 1-800-273-8255

Suicide Prevention Resource Center Web: <http://www.sprc.org> • E-mail: info@sprc.org •

Phone: 877-GET-SPRC (438-7772)

By recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, you will be helping to destigmatize suicide so that your faith community can become a place in which suicide is prevented or reduced and members who have lost a loved one to suicide can receive compassionate ministry.

Contact the Rev. Jessica Stokes, Associate Director of Partners in Health and Wholeness, with a statewide focus on mental health advocacy at jessica@ncchurches.org