Called to Care, Prepared to Act

A Toolkit of Compassion and Accountability for Successful Pastoral Care with Mental Health and Addiction Issues

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Online & In Person

Sept. 3, 10 & 17 – 10-12 Online

Sept. 26, 10-4:30 St. Luke's, Kearney

Nov. 7, St. Martha's, Papillion

The Big Idea: This free one-day (or 6-hour) seminar provides basic information and practical guidance on successful pastoral care of individuals and families troubled with mental health and addictive disorders of all kinds. We can show compassion of Christ and accountability. This free seminar is provided through the generosity of The Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church.

Why Bother: Think addiction issues don't affect your congregation? In a 2021 survey of over 1,000 members of 13 Nebraska congregations, 44% indicated they were concerned about the addictive issues of someone close to them. These issues are widespread and they impact Christians.

Referring people to AA, Al-Anon and treatment is helpful, but they can't provide pastoral care. The care only you can provide is important for family members as well as for people in early recovery who are rethinking their spiritual lives.

Some Things You Will Learn:

- How to use five simple communication tools to give exceptional care to families troubled by substance problems and for people in early recovery.
- How these communication tools are useful for many hard conversations.
- Why you have a unique role to play in providing pastoral care with addicted people or their families.
- How solid science and sound theology work together on this issue.
- What it's like to be a clergy who has struggled with addiction and who now enjoys recovery.

The primary presenter is Rev. Otto B. Schultz, B. A., M. Div., and LADC (Ret.) is a graduate of Concordia Seminary. This clinically trained Pastor worked in the addictions field for over 40 years, primarily as spiritual counselor in treatment. He has trained 1,000's of people in practical tools for addressing substance use problems and coached many families in successful interventions. He is the Executive Director of the Center for Restoration of (Behaviorally) Impaired Clergy (CRIC).

What Clergy Say About Addiction 101: Let Your Light So Shine

"This changed my attitude and perspective on intervention. Simple ideas showed that I was being codependent. The role play was worth doing – even though it made me uncomfortable."

– Rev. Bohdan Vadis, Pastor, San Diego, CA

"I found myself pleasantly surprised and pleased at all the information available in the seminar. A great balance of information, Q&A, and group discussion. This issue affects so many in our church families today."

– Rev. Barbara Oshlo, Pastor, Omaha, NE

"This is the perfect opportunity to learn more about the realities and stigma around addiction, for the addict and all who love them."

– Rev. Amy Walls, Pastor, Rocky Bois, MT

"I'm all in with promoting this ministry."

– Karen King, Parish Ministry Associate, Valley, NE

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"This workshop was extremely helpful to me as a pastor and provided both examples and research I can pass along to families and individuals seeking help with addiction. I highly recommend this short course to anyone."

– Rev. Tim Koester, Omaha, NE

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