

Toward Religious Inclusivity: Beyond ADA to Full Participation

Don't miss this exciting and informative conference for people of all faiths exploring ways of opening religious experience to people with special needs.

April 26, 2008

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Southminster Presbyterian Church

Registration fee of \$25 includes lunch.

Scholarships are available.

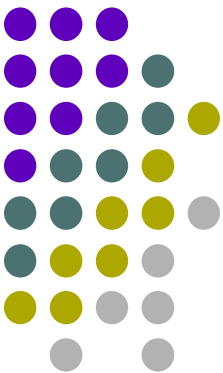
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or visit our website www.spchurch.org for registration details.

Featured Speaker: Bill Stillman is the author of *Autism And the God Connection*, *The Soul of Autism*, *The Autism Answer Book*, *The Everything Parent's Guide to Children with Bipolar Disorder*, and a number of other wonderful books. Bill has worked in the disabilities field since 1987 and was employed by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare as the statewide point person for children and adolescents with learning differences, mental health issues and autism. Bill is an adult with Asperger's Syndrome.



Workshops and panel discussions will address strategies for greater inclusion for people with a wide variety of physical and mental disabilities.



Workshops

Literacy for Persons with Special Needs

Dr. William Kofmehl, Founder and Director of Christian Literacy Associates and Allegheny County Literacy Council, Inc., will introduce participants to a range of materials and techniques using pictures to help beginners have quick success at reading and will demonstrate ways parents and caregivers can make great strides in helping their students through short focused sessions that keep things fun and don't stress the student unnecessarily.

Putting Out the Welcome Mat

Nursery School Director *Michele Brado* and Children's Educator *Peggy Wucher* will look at barriers to inclusion on the part of churches and other institutions and highlight ways to eliminate barriers and insure real and meaningful participation by people with special needs.

Giving Voice to People For Whom Speech is a Challenge

Special Needs Advocate and Teacher *Cathy Scott* and Christian Educator *Frank Stricklen* will use a case study to look at ways people can make use of pictures, scrapbooking, music and other tools to give voice to their thoughts when speech is problematic.

