4th Annual Disability Conference & Workshops
Co-Hosted by the Disability Committees of the Eastern Pennsylvania, Peninsula-Delaware, & Greater New Jersey Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

Saturday APRIL 5th 2014
Lima U.M.C.
209 N Middletown Rd, Media, PA 19063
9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Jackson Day
Host Pastor: Rev. Robert Wilt, Jr.
$12.00 per person. Lunch, beverages, dessert provided.

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:
1. The ABC’s of Bringing Out the Best in Children with ADHD
2. Dispelling the Last Taboo: Involving Persons Living with Mental Illness in the Life and Ministry of the Church
3. Rewards of Camping with Individuals with Mental & Physical Challenges
4. Worship Related Inclusion: Where do People with Intellectual Disabilities fit in the Church?
5. People with Disabilities in Mission and Ministry with People with Disabilities --- Internationally
6. Adapting Curriculum: One Size DOESN’T Fit All
7. Building Accessibility

ABOUT OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Pastor, Providence United Methodist Church, Towson, MD
Chair, Baltimore-Washington Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits
Executive Director, International Conference of War Veteran Ministers
Consultant, Health Care Advocacy, United Methodist GBCS

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REGISTER ONLINE TODAY at
OR register by mail. Registration same day at 8:15 a.m.
8:15 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. – Registration
9:00 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. – Morning Devotions/Worship
9:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – General Session #1 – Keynote Speaker
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – Workshops
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – LUNCH & Networking
1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. General Session #2
2:15 p.m. -3:15 p.m. – Workshops

(→ A special breakout session, or ‘Lunch & Learn,’ with our keynote speaker will take place during lunch for those wishing to widen the morning conversation by directing comments/questions to Rev. Day)

WORKSHOPS OFFERED IN THE A.M. SESSION

**Workshop #1. Physical Access / Mobility.** What type of access to buildings does the ADA require and what is the reality that people with physical disabilities must face? Barriers can be physical, but sometimes barriers are also created when we misunderstand people who experience physical disabilities. Come and learn how your church facilities, services and activities can become more accessible to people with physical disabilities.

**Workshop Leader:** Debra Kirby. Debra is a Registered Nurse and serves on the Disability Concerns Committee of the EPA Conference.

**Workshop #2. Rewards of Camping with Individuals with Mental & Physical Challenges.**
Camp Innabah schedules 8 different sessions of overnight camp for individuals with mental & physical challenges. Seven sessions are for individuals with mental disabilities and minor physical disabilities. One session is for individuals with high-functioning Autism/Asperger's Syndrome. Come learn about these camps, campers, and volunteers who enjoy God's world and God's word in an outdoor setting.

**Workshop Leaders: Jenny Hyde & Joanna Davis.** Jenny has been a Challenge Camp Volunteer since 1991. She is a certified special education and elementary education teacher. Joanna has been a Challenge Camp Volunteer since 1994 and is a certified special education teacher.

**Workshop #3: Dispelling the Last Taboo: Involving Persons Living with Mental Illness in the Life and Ministry of the Church.**
Stigma and lack of understanding can sometimes prevent congregations from recognizing, honoring and using the gifts and graces of persons living with mental illness. This workshop will share programs to promote understanding and to involve persons (and families) living with mental illnesses in the ministry of the church.

**Workshop Leader: Rev. Dr. Colleen G. Kristula, DMIN BCC.** Chaplain, Diakon Lutheran Social Services: The Lutheran Home at Topton

**Workshop #4. The ABC’s of Bringing Out the Best in Children with ADHD**
How do you respond to the child whose attention span seems almost non-existent and who struggles to sit still for more than a few minutes at a time? How can you share Christ’s love when your patience is about exhausted? Come learn more about how to help children struggling with ADHD.

In this workshop you will learn:
--Fact from myth about ADHD.
--What children with ADHD need you to understand about their lives so you can better meet their needs.
--Practical tips for helping children with ADHD to learn and be successful in your ministry setting.

**Workshop Leader: Patti Nell - Handi*Vangelism Ministries International.** Patti has a Master’s degree in special education and 36 years of experience in disability ministry. Patti currently serves with Handi*Vangelism Ministries International as Spiritual Life Coordinator for Handi*Camp and in their Disability Training Ministry.

WORKSHOPS OFFERED IN THE P.M. SESSION

**Workshop #5. Worship-Related Inclusion – Where do People with Intellectual Disabilities fit in the Church?**
There are many benefits from the corporate worship experiences within the local church. But what about people with Intellectual and Developmental disabilities? Where do they fit in? In this workshop we will look at practical steps to help you think through the obstacles that prevent inclusive corporate worship and practical ways that churches can benefit from the gifts and participation of all people. You will learn about:

--Practical ways to include people with disabilities in worship experiences.
--How to deal with awkward situations, and
--The benefits and joys of full participation in the body of Christ.

**Workshop Leader: Milt Stoltzfus** – Milt presently serves as the Coordinator of Spiritual Nurture and Community Life for Friendship community, which is a Lancaster County based provider of residential and support services for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. His role includes pastoral care, intentional faith practices and resources, church relations and community involvement for those served by Friendship Community. Milt is the chair of the Lancaster Christian Council on Disabilities, and a board member of Anabaptist Disabilities Network.

**Workshop #6. Adapting Curriculum: One Size DOESN’T Fit All**

Children, teens and adults with intellectual disabilities are eager to and can fully engage in learning Bible truths. This workshop will provide insight so you can adapt existing curriculum in ways that will make your instruction effective and enhance your students’ learning.

In this workshop you will learn:

--Ideas to help meet your students’ needs for security, success and significance.
--Practical ways to adapt your classroom and existing Bible curriculum to address the unique learning needs of your students with intellectual disabilities.
--How to construct and use a tool to share the Gospel in a way that will be understandable to your students with intellectual disabilities.

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**Workshop #7. People with Disabilities in Mission and Ministry with People with disabilities --- internationally.**

Join us to learn about international missions trips involving PWD in mission with PWD in Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Jamaica. Are you being called to share your unique gifts in international mission? And you can also learn how to lead a mission team.

**Workshop Leader: Carol Stevens** – Carol has worked in the Deaf community for over 50 years as an interpreter, counselor, and director of the Deaf Shalom Zone of Christ Church of the Deaf in Baltimore, and currently as the Deaf Ministry Area Coordinator for the Penninsula-Delaware Conference U.M.C. She has led over 100 people on 17 International Deaf and Disability mission teams to Kenya, Zimbabwe and Jamaica.

**Workshop #8. Defining the Future: A Historical Perspective on Disability & the United Methodist Church.**

In this workshop you will learn:

--How history has viewed people with disabilities and about certain events that brought about historical disability reform.
--What the church had to say during the age of Eugenics and the “Age of Reform” (1950-1990).
--How the United Methodist Church has responded to resolutions regarding disability, a look at the church’s Social Principles and statements in the Book of Discipline, and implications for the future.

**Workshop Leader: Deaconess Barbara Skarbowski** – Barbara currently serves as the chairperson for the EPA Disability Concerns Committee, as the Coordinator of District Disability Ministries at Lumina, a Church and Community Ministry in Lancaster Pa. and also serves as the Secretary for the Disability Ministries Committee of the United Methodist Church. Barbara has an M.A. in Disability Studies and has worked in groups homes and apartment settings with adults with intellectual disabilities, and in programs with street involved youth and young adults with behavior disorders & hidden disabilities, as well as with people who are deaf and blind.
The preferred method of registration is online at https://epapendelarea.smartevents.com/public/events/4th-annual-disability-conference-and-workshops. You can pay by credit card or check online. If you prefer to manually submit a check, we ask that you still register online and chose the pay later option. That way those planning this conference will be able to care for materials and food in advance.

For those that prefer to manually fill out a registration form, please fill in the information below and mail this form and your payment to: Barbara Skarbowski, 63 Holly Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603. Be sure to make checks payable to EPAUMC, memo disability 2014. One registration form per person please.

Name______________________________________________________________________________________

Email ______________________________________________________________________________________

Phone Number _______________________________________________________________________________

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