Webinar Series Invitation

Black Lives with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and their Faith Communities

November 10, 2020
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Dr. Luchara Wallace
Associate Professor of Special Education & Director of the Lewis Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations

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Rev. Dr. LaTonya Penny
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Dr. Lamar Hardwick
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Black lives with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their faith communities:
A discussion of the role of church communities in the lives of black and brown people with IDD and their families

AAIDD Religion & Spirituality Interest Network

https://aaiddreligion.org/
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AAIDD Religion & Spirituality Interest Network

Interfaith, interdisciplinary association that advocates for the inclusion of people with IDD in faith communities of their choice

• Members have access to the *Journal of Disability and Religion*

Activities:

• Events at the AAIDD Annual Meeting
• Henri Nouwen Award
• Webinars
• Website, Facebook, Twitter
Dr. Lamar Hardwick, lead pastor at Tri-Cities Church in East Point, Georgia. In 2014 at the age of 36, Lamar was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.
“The history of the church’s interaction with the disabled is at best an ambiguous one. Rather than being a structure for empowerment, the church has more often supported the societal structures and attitudes that have treated people with disabilities as objects of pity and paternalism. For many disabled persons the church has been a “city on a hill”—physically inaccessible and socially inhospitable.”

-Nancy L. Eiesland  The Disabled God
John 9:1-3 NLT

As Jesus was walking along he saw a man who had been blind from birth. “Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind?” Was it because of his own sins or his parents’ sins?” “It is not because of his sins or parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him.”
A Better Question

“Why can’t this man see?”

“How Can God be seen?”

Disability Ministry is often a very delicate balance of acknowledging what a person is born with at the same time acknowledging and honoring what a person is born for.
Ideals

What type of relationship do you want to have?

How would you define a successful relationship?
Common Challenges

• Communication
• Anxiety
• Social Cues
• Self-Awareness
Matthew 13:18-23 NLT

The right environment increases the potential for a successful relationship and successful growth.

The right environment provides an opportunity to showcase strengths.

The right environment affirms dignity.
Creating A Healthy Environment

Learning
- Preach/Teach/Education about autism and other disabilities
- Education through narrative (Using stories not statistics)

Linking (Relationships)
- Survey Needs
- Support Groups

Leadership
- Accommodations for assignments
- Appoint persons with disabilities to leadership
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Conversation & Questions

• For questions about today’s presentation, contact Lamar Hardwick at lamarhardwick@yahoo.com

• For questions about the webinar series, contact Deborah Fisher at deborahmfisher@gmail.com
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2021 Call for Nominations!!

Henri Nouwen Award

Presented by
The Religion and Spirituality Network of AAIDD

For more information, visit aaiddreligion.org

Due Date for all nominations is February 15th, 2021
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