

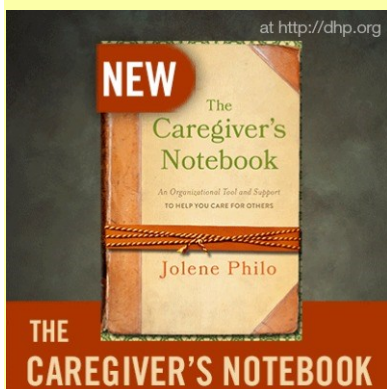
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# INCLUSION FUSION

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## A Word from Dr. G...

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers of Key Ministry and the dedicated ministry leaders who serve on our Program Committee, I'm delighted to again welcome you to our Disability Ministry Web Summit!

Special thanks go out to Joni Eareckson Tada and the leadership team of Joni and Friends for their interest in coming alongside our team to advance the field of disability ministry. I very much encourage all of you who are able to attend Joni and Friends' Global Access Conference in February 2015, so we might expand upon our experience of virtual community this week with the opportunity to learn and grow in the physical presence of one another.

When we did our first Inclusion Fusion three years ago, our intent was to establish a forum where everyone with an interest in families impacted by disability at church...pastors, ministry leaders, volunteers, parents and individuals with disabilities could come together and learn from one another. We also sought to provide a platform for leaders with great ideas for ministry with persons with disability who hadn't yet developed the connections to disseminate their ideas throughout the larger Christian community. I'm confident you'll encounter at least one leader or experience during Inclusion Fusion that will expand your vision of disability ministry...in line with this year's theme of **INNOVATION**.

I'd like to invite all of you to a special online worship experience we have planned for Wednesday at 9:00 PM Eastern Time. Jeff Davidson of Rising Above Ministries has a fabulous message to share with all of us. You'll have the opportunity to invite friends and families to join us for worship who have been unable to attend church or left church because of disability.

I'd also like to draw your attention to two other resources during Inclusion Fusion. You'll notice prayer requests from fellow attendees on the screen between video presentations and during online chat sessions with our speakers. You'll see links posted on the conference homepage for prayer requests we've received before and during Inclusion Fusion. Please take a few minutes to pray for your fellow attendees and share the link to the requests with your church's prayer team!

When you registered for Inclusion Fusion, you were invited to “share your story” about disability and church. The stories you and your fellow attendees shared will be published (minus identifying information) at Church4EveryChild (our blog) on the morning before Inclusion Fusion. I give myself permission to cry when our daughters get married and on the day when a Cleveland team finally wins a major championship, but I couldn’t help but cry reading some of the stories you shared. We’ve had the incredible privilege of witnessing God at work through some remarkable individuals, churches and ministries. But the stories also point out how far we still need to go before every person and every family has the opportunity to experience the love of Christ and hear the Gospel through the ministry of a local church.

It’s my privilege and our privilege at Key Ministry to serve you over the next two days...and throughout your ministry adventures! We’re thankful...and blessed to be part of the disability ministry movement with all of you.

*Steve*

In His Service,  
Stephen Grcevich, MD  
Director of Strategic Initiatives/Medical Director  
Key Ministry

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR INCLUSION FUSION PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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Barb Dittrich  
Snappin’ Ministries, Oconomowoc, WI


Barb Newman  
CLC Network, Wyoming, MI

Nils Smith  
NilsSmith.com, New York, NY

Ryan Wolfe  
First Christian Church, Canton, OH

Mike Woods,  
Special Friends Ministry, First Baptist Church, Orlando, FL

## HOW TO USE THE PLATFORM



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**Staying Under The Radar?**

Anonymous viewers can still participate and view the channel. However, if viewers want to join the fun and interact with the conversation, they need to login through our Facebook login.

**Facebook Login**

Connecting and sharing your MediaSocial channel has never been easier. Just connect by clicking the facebook connect button and your all set. Once connected all you need to do is start sharing what is on your mind.

**Facebook**

**Connect**

Connect with the community using Facebook

**Everyone (3/16)** Friends

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CBC Online... It will make you laugh, it will make you cry, it will make you think... /

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Live Chat

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Thank you everyone. God bless and have a great day!

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Barb Dittich @cmmemo: We can't hug fewer things more gratifying in life than a hug from your kid saying that they're proud of you! #BIL

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To share comments or invite others to Inclusion Fusion, type in this box and click the "Share" button above.

## OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Our team at Key Ministry is honored and delighted to have Joni Eareckson Tada as our Keynote Speaker for this year's Inclusion Fusion Disability Ministry Web Summit.

Joni serves as the Founder and CEO of Joni and Friends International Disability Center, and is an international advocate for people with disabilities. A diving accident in 1967 left her, then 17, a quadriplegic in a wheelchair, without the use of her hands. After two years of rehabilitation, she emerged with new skills and a fresh determination to help others in similar situations.



During her rehabilitation, Joni spent long months learning how to paint with a brush between her teeth. Her high-detail fine art paintings and prints are sought-after and collected.

Her best-selling autobiography *Joni* and the feature film of the same name have been translated into many languages, introducing her to people around the world. Mrs. Tada has also visited more than 47 countries. Mrs. Tada has served on the National Council on Disability and the Disability Advisory Committee to the U.S. State Department. She has helped guide evangelism strategies among people with disabilities worldwide as Senior Associate for Disability Concerns for the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization.

She has received numerous awards and honors, including the Victory Award from the National Rehabilitation Hospital and the Golden Word Award from the International Bible Society. Joni has been awarded several honorary degrees, including: Doctor of Divinity from Westminster Theological Seminary; a Doctor of Humanitarian Services from California Baptist University; and a Doctor of Humane Letters by Indiana Wesleyan University where she was inducted into IWU's Society of World Changers.

Joni has written over 50 books. She has received the Gold Medallion Lifetime Achievement Award from the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association. Joni's latest book is *Joni & Ken: An Untold Love Story* published by Zondervan.

Since 1982, Joni has been hosting the short-feature radio program "Joni and Friends" which is aired on more than 1,000 outlets. In 2012, the National Religious Broadcasters inducted Joni into its Hall of Fame.

In 2012 The Colson Center on Christian Worldview awarded Joni its prestigious "William Wilberforce Award." She has been interviewed on "Larry King Live," "ABC World News Tonight," and in magazines such as *Christianity Today* and *World Magazine*.

Joni and her husband, Ken Tada, have been married since 1982.



*All schedule  
times listed in  
Eastern Time  
zone.*

## Wednesday, November 12th

### Morning Session:

8:00 AM	Joni Eareckson Tada
8:15 AM	Jolene Philo
8:40 AM	Joe Padilla
9:00 AM	Jeff Davidson
9:20 AM	Cameron Doolittle
9:35 AM	Tracy Terrill
9:45 AM	Doug and Leanne Goddard
10:00 AM	Ellen Stumbo
10:15 AM	Emily Colson
10:30 AM	Gillian Marchenko
10:50 AM	Mike Woods
11:00 AM	Beth Golik
11:15 AM	Barb Newman

### Afternoon Session:

12:00 PM	Joni Eareckson Tada
12:15 PM	Steve Grceвич
12:45 PM	Jay Kranda/Nils Smith
1:05 PM	Matt Mooney/Stephen Burks
1:35 PM	Barb Dittrich
2:05 PM	Joe Butler
2:30 PM	Pam Harmon/Christine Morrow
2:50 PM	Ryan Wolfe
3:15 PM	Amy Kendall
3:35 PM	Emily Colson interview
4:30 PM	Gillian Marchenko
4:50 PM	Joe Padilla
5:10 PM	Jolene Philo
5:35 PM	Ellen Stumbo
5:50 PM	Tracy Terrill



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**Evening Session:**

6:00 PM	Joni Eareckson Tada
6:15 PM	Barb Newman
7:00 PM	Notable
7:30 PM	Matt Mooney/Stephen Burks
8:00 PM	Jay Kranda/Nils Smith
8:20 PM	Steve Grcevich
9:00 PM	Worship (Jeff Davidson)



Jeff Davidson looks at six things we can do when our lives are a mess and it seems to us that God is silent in his message for tonight's Front Door online church service.

Speaking from his experience as a person with disability and a parent of a son with severe disability, Jeff Davidson looks at six things we can do when our lives are a mess and it seems to us that God is silent.

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**Late Night Session:**

12:00 AM	Joni Eareckson Tada
12:15 AM	Emily Colson (interview)
1:05 AM	Barb Newman
1:45 AM	Amy Kendall
2:05 AM	Barb Dittrich
2:35 AM	Joe Butler
3:00 AM	Pam Harmon/Christine Morrow

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## Thursday, November 13th

### Early Morning Worship Marathon:

4:30 AM Community Bible Church

### Morning Session:

*All schedule  
times listed in  
Eastern Time  
zone.*

9:00 AM	Joni Eareckson Tada
9:15 AM	Beth Golik
9:30 AM	Joe Butler
10:00 AM	Tracy Terrill
10:10 AM	Pam Harmon/Christine Morrow
10:30 AM	Ryan Wolfe
10:55 AM	Emily Colson (presentation)
11:10AM	Emily Colson (interview)

### Afternoon Session:

12:00 PM	Gillian Marchenko
12:20 PM	Joe Padilla
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4:00 PM	Notable
4:30 PM	Matt Mooney



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Evening Session:

5:00 PM            Emily Colson (presentation)  
5:15 PM            Doug and Leanne Goddard  
5:30 PM            Jeff Davidson  
5:50 PM            Cameron Doolittle

LIVE CHAT  
SCHEDULE

Wed 11/12	Thu 11/13
8 – 9 Jolene Philo...Chat	
9 – 10 Davidson/Doolittle Chat	9:30 – 10:30 Tracy Terrill...Chat
11 – 12p Beth Golik...chat	11 – 12p Barb Newman-Chat
12p – 1p Steve Groevich...Chat	12p – 1p Gillian Marchenko...chat
1p – 2p Barb Dittrich...Chat	
2p – 3p Joe Butler...chat	2p – 3p Ellen Stumbo...Chat
2:45p – 3:45p Ryan Wolfe...chat	
8p – 9p Jay Kranda...chat	8p – 10p Open Chat
9p – 10p Worship...message by Jeff Davidson	

## Joe Butler—Ability Tree

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Joe Butler is a husband, father, and ordained minister. Joe has been married to his wife Jen since February of 1997. They have three children, Hannah (15), Micah (13), and Clara (10). Micah has multiple disabilities. Joe and Jen have been U.S. missionaries to persons with disabilities and their families since April of 2009. Joe and his wife founded Ability Tree as a faith-based nonprofit corporation in June of 2010, to reach out to other families like their own through recreation, education, support & training (R.E.S.T.). Joe holds a B.A. in Bible from University of Valley Forge and an M.A. in Disability Studies, with a concentration in Disability Ministry, from California Baptist University. Joe and his family live in Si-loam Springs, Arkansas.



### FAST FACTS

Workshop summary — Impacting Families in your local community

Website — <http://abilitytree.org/>

Blog — <http://abilitytree.org/blog-life-with-micah/>

E-Mail — [joebutler@abilitytree.org](mailto:joebutler@abilitytree.org)

## Emily Colson—Dancing With Max

Emily Colson is a popular speaker, and author of the award winning book, *Dancing with Max*. She speaks in churches and organizations nationwide, and has appeared on numerous media outlets including Focus on the Family, the Huckabee Show, and Hallmark's Home & Family. Her book was recently awarded "Book of the Year" by the Autism Society. Through her powerful message of the sanctity of life, Emily has inspired many to persevere through their own challenges and see the gifts.



Emily has been a single mother for most of Max's 23 years, with hard fought lessons in faith, life, love and a whole lot of laughter. Emily and Max live on the coast of New England where they can often be found dancing.

### FAST FACTS

**Workshop Summary — Emily encourages other families to share their stories of how God has been at work through their experience of disability while being honest about the "tough stuff."**

**Website — <http://www.emilycolson.com/>**

**Blog — Emily contributes to <http://specialneedsparenting.net/>**

## Jeff Davidson—Rising Above Ministries

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Jeff Davidson is an author and pastor who enjoys speaking at churches, conferences, events and to groups, ministering to special needs families and individuals. Jeff and his wife Becky started Rising Above Ministries when they realized the incredible gift and blessing their own son with special needs (Jon Alex) was to them. Jeff's book, ***No More Peanut Butter Sandwiches***, is available through Crosslink Publishing, Barnes and Noble and Amazon.



### FAST FACTS

Workshop Summary — Jeff will discuss the unique aspects of reaching the dads within the special-needs community.

Website — <http://risingaboveministries.org/>

Blog — <http://risingaboveministries.org/elevate/>

E-mail — [ramjeffdavidson@gmail.com](mailto:ramjeffdavidson@gmail.com)

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## Barb Dittrich—Snappin' Ministries/Key Ministry

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Barbara Dittrich is Executive Director and Foundress of Snappin' Ministries. The ministry's focus is "Special Care for Special Caregivers". Barb has lead a team in creating a unique parent mentor curriculum for parents raising kids with challenges. The program currently offers small group mentoring across the nation, both in person, and via video conferencing. The ministry also now offers book discussion groups via social media. In addition, she also serves as Social Community Manager for Key Ministry. She and her husband, Steve, raise their 3 kids, each with either a special need or chronic illness, in Southeastern Wisconsin.



### FAST FACTS

Workshop Summary — Barb discusses why social media has become so critical to special needs ministry and how to go about it.

Website — <http://www.snappin.org/>

Blog — <http://www.comfortinthemidstofchaos.com/>

E-mail — [barb@snappin.org](mailto:barb@snappin.org)

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## Cameron Doolittle—Jill's House

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Cameron has been overseeing Jill's House since it launched in 2010. He loves that families find physical and spiritual rest through Jesus, and that Jill's House is helping prepare a generation of leaders to love children with special needs as God does. Before coming to Jill's House, Cameron was the "new business launch guy" at Corporate Executive Board. He's a graduate of Stanford University and holds a JD/MBA from UC-Berkeley. Cameron and his wife, Carolyn, live in Falls Church with their four young children.



### FAST FACTS

**Workshop** — Cameron discusses the services being provided through Jill's House, and their new initiative (Oxygen 3) to provide three day respite experiences for families utilizing campgrounds in Texas, Colorado and California.

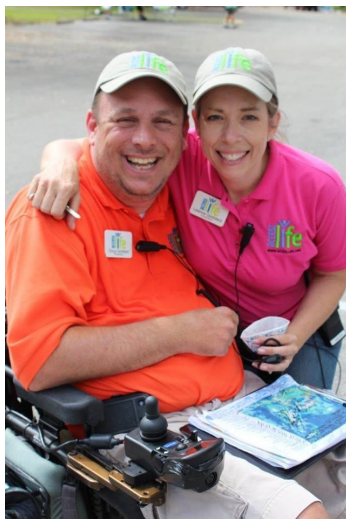
**Website** — <http://jillshouse.org>

## Doug & Leanne Goddard—Access Life

Doug grew up in Dandridge, Tennessee. The summer before his 16th birthday Doug had a diving accident and became a C5-6 quadriplegic. Leanne grew up in Clovis, New Mexico.

Doug and Leanne met while in college in Nashville, TN through a mutual friend. Doug attended Vanderbilt University and earned a BA in Economics and Leanne attended neighboring Belmont University and earned a BBA in Music Business. In 1991, the year after graduation, they married and moved to Dallas, Texas for Doug to attend SMU Law School while Leanne worked in advertising for Weir's Furniture.

After law school Doug entered the corporate world working in sports marketing and product development eventually becoming Vice President of Product Development for Donruss Playoff. Leanne managed a retail store and then started her own catering business.



In 2003 Doug and Leanne became involved on a local level with the international ministry, Joni and Friends. They volunteered at Family Retreat and served on the local board for the area ministry. In 2007 they moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida to work full-time for Joni and Friends; Doug as the area director for the state and Leanne as the program coordinator.

In 2010 an opportunity to establish a new ministry presented itself and Access-Life was born. Doug and Leanne are the co-founders/directors of Access-Life. Access-Life is a ministry which develops and executes programs and events for people living with disabilities that share the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as connect them to Christ honoring churches, organizations, resources and people within their community.

### FAST FACTS

**Workshop Summary — Inclusion is more than benevolence, it is making it possible for those with disabilities to serve.**

**Website — <http://www.access-life.org/>**



## Beth Golik—Bay Presbyterian Church

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As the Director of the Special Needs Ministry at Bay Presbyterian Church, Beth Golik and her volunteers serve dozens of families through Sunday morning programming for kids and adults, quarterly Respite Events, and family activities. Beth earned a Bachelor of Arts from Smith College and a Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration from The George Washington University. She has learned to practically apply both education and life experiences to enhance the ministry and build relationships in the special needs and church communities.



Beth lives in Avon, Ohio with her husband, three sons, and a golden retriever.

### FAST FACTS

**Workshop Summary — Beth describes the strategy of assuring every member of the church family, including children and adults with special needs received the same Biblical teaching every week.**

**Website — [baypres.org/special-needs/](http://baypres.org/special-needs/)**

**E-mail — [bgolik@baypres.org](mailto:bgolik@baypres.org)**

## Dr Steve Grcevich

Dr. Steve Grcevich serves as Director of Strategic Initiatives for Key Ministry after having served for eleven years as the ministry's founding Board Chairman.

Dr. Grcevich is the principal author of Church4EveryChild, recognized among the Top 15 children's ministry blogs in 2013 by Ministry-To-Children.com, and he was recognized by Sharecare as one of the top ten online influencers in children's mental health.

Dr. Grcevich specializes in child and adolescent psychiatry. He trained at Cleveland Clinic and Case Western Reserve University and has extensive research experience evaluating medications prescribed to children and teens for ADHD, anxiety and depression. He has been a presenter at over 35 national and international medical conferences and is a past recipient of the Exemplary Psychiatrist Award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).



### FAST FACTS

Website — <http://www.keyministry.org>

Blog — <http://drgrcevich.wordpress.com>

Twitter — @drgrcevich

## Pam Harmon—Young Life Capernaum

Pam Harmon is the Executive Director of Young Life's Capernaum Ministry. YL Capernaum Ministry is made up of caring people who strive to help provide teens with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities abundant life to the full (Jn. 10:10); a life that includes love, support, excitement, challenge and the opportunity to hear about the God who created each of us and loves us all just as we are.

Pam brings with her a vast array of experience serving youth with disabilities across the country and resources to help churches take next steps in becoming more inclusive and welcoming.



### FAST FACTS

**Workshop Summary — Pam, along with Christen Morrow-Ara addresses the need for age appropriate community, friendships, dignity and need to be challenged to the next step in their walk with Christ as a part of the body of Christ.**

**Website — <http://www.younglife.org/ForEveryKid/Capernaum/Pages/default.aspx>**

## Amy Kendall—Saddleback Church

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Disabilities Minister at Saddleback Church, Amy has led the special needs ministry for seven years. Prior to joining Saddleback, she was a behavior specialist in the educational sector for ten years, with a focus on children with autism. Amy graduated from Pacific Christian College with her BA in Ministry and from Hope International University with her MA in Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling.



### FAST FACTS

**Workshop Summary** — Amy is interviewed on the topic of including student volunteers in disability ministry.

**Website** — <http://saddleback.com/connect/ministry/sk-super-kids-teens/lake-forest>

**E-mail** — [amyk@saddleback.com](mailto:amyk@saddleback.com)

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## Gillian Marchenko—Sun Shine Down

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Gillian Marchenko is an author and national speaker who focuses on imperfect faith, special needs, depression, and deep belly laughs. Her memoir *Sun Shine Down* about her third daughter's birth and diagnosis of Down syndrome published in August of 2013 (T. S. Poetry Press) and she is currently working on another memoir about depression and faith (InterVarsity Press).

Her writing has appeared in numerous publications, including *Chicago Parent*, *Literary Mama*, *Thriving Family*, *Gifted for Leadership*, *Today's Christian Woman*, *MomSense Magazine*, *The Lookout*, *Charlottesville Family*, *EFCA Today*, and the *Tri-City Record*. Gillian also serves with Joni and friends Chicago equipping churches for special needs ministry, and is the vice president of GiGi's Playhouse Chicago, a Down syndrome achievement center. Passionate about special needs, Gillian started a respite program at her church. She lives in Chicago with her husband Sergei and four daughters.



### FAST FACTS

**Workshop Summary — Gillian is interviewed on how the church can reach out to those with depression and other mental health issues.**

**Website — <http://www.gillianmarchenko.com/>**

## Matt Mooney—99 Balloons

At thirty weeks pregnant Matt Mooney and his wife Ginny were informed that their child had a genetic disease Trisomy 18. They were told that birth was unlikely. That life was not viable. That a bleak future awaited.



They were not told that they would get 99 days with this child and these precious days would change them forever. Through the sleepless nights, an unrelenting desire for answers, and the frightening reality that slides in where optimism once resided, Matt and Ginny walked with family and friends through the life and death of their first born son.

At Eliot's funeral, 99 balloons were released into the air to represent the 99 days of his life. This act of remembrance stirred the hearts of a community and a country.

A Story Unfinished chronicles a father's journey of pain and redemption and the mystery of God and His goodness in the midst of it all.

Available at Amazon and booksellers everywhere.

### FAST FACTS

**Workshop Summary — Matt shares in an interview the importance of story telling**

**Website — <http://www.99balloons.org/>**

**Blog — <http://theatypicallife.com/blog/>**

## Christen Morrow-Ara—Young Life Capernaum

Christen has served with Young Life's Capernaum ministry since her college years as a volunteer and on full time staff for 12 years, developing Capernaum ministry in Fresno, California, throughout Latin America and most recently serving as the Transition Specialist with the mission wide Capernaum team. With an undergraduate degree from California State University, Fresno in Recreation Therapy and a graduate degree from Fuller



Theological Seminary in Global Leadership, she feels each piece of her education has been orchestrated by God for what He has called her to do in ministry. Christen is a leader, speaker, and an advocate, but mostly she would say she has been privileged to be shaped by her friends with disabilities since childhood and she's passionate about sharing those friends with the world and with the Church and the world! Christian and her Peruvian husband live in Clovis, California and just welcomed their first child into the world last month. Christen can be reached at [chosencrm@gmail.com](mailto:chosencrm@gmail.com).

### FAST FACTS

**Workshop Summary — Christen, along with Pam Harmon, addresses the need for age appropriate community, friendships, dignity and need to be challenged to the next step in their walk with Christ as a part of the body of Christ.**



## Barb Newman—CLC Network

Barbara J Newman is a church and school consultant for CLC Network. She is the author of “Helping Kids Include Kids with Disabilities”, “The Easter Book”, “Autism and Your Church”, “Any Questions? – a Guidebook for Inclusive Education”, “Nuts and Bolts of Inclusive Education”, “Circle of Friends Training Manual”, and “Body Building: Devotions to Celebrate Inclusive Community”. She has written curriculum for Friendship Ministries, was a major contributing author of “Special Needs SMART Pages” for Joni and Friends, co-authored the “G.L.U.E. Training Manual”, and is a frequent national speaker at educational conferences and churches. In addition to writing and speaking, Barb enjoys working in her classroom at Zealand Christian School.



### FAST FACTS

**Workshop Summary — Barb is interviewed by Dr. Steve Grcevich on strategies for successfully including kids with disabilities in Christian schools.**

**Website /Blog — <http://www.clcnetwork.org/blog>**

## Joe Padilla—Mental Health Grace Alliance

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Joe is the Executive Director of Mental Health Grace Alliance (MHGA), responsible for overseeing the organization's development, support group movement, partnering with the mental health community, and works with numerous families and individuals with mental disorders find RECOVERY and PURPOSE. MHGA was birthed in 2010 to provide recovery support, support groups, training and advocacy partnership for those affected by mental health challenges and mental illness ... and impact mental health care development locally and around the world.



### FAST FACTS

**Workshop Summary** — This presentation is designed for church leaders, family members, and individuals dealing with mental illness and who want to effectively understand and respond to mental illness in the church.

**Website** — <http://mentalhealthgracealliance.org/>

**E-mail** — [joe@mentalhealthgracealliance.org](mailto:joe@mentalhealthgracealliance.org)

## Jolene Philo—Different Dream

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Jolene is the author of two books for parents of children with special needs, *A Different Dream for My Child* and *Different Dream Parenting*. She is the parent of a child with special needs who developed PTSD due to early, frequent and invasive medical treatment. She also taught traumatized students at a correctional facility and collaborated with special education teachers to mainstream traumatized children in her classroom during public school teaching career. She's conducted extensive interviews with trauma experts and is currently working on a book about PTSD in children. More information about PTSD and kids can be found at her website, <http://www.DifferentDream.com>.



### FAST FACTS

**Workshop Summary — This presentation offers 10 insights about PTSD churches can use to understand the needs of families affected by this mental illness, welcome them into their congregations, and provide both spiritual and practical support.**

**Website — <http://www.differentdream.com/>**

## Nils Smith—Community Bible Church/OnlinChurch.com

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Nils Smith is the Innovation Pastor at Community Bible Church in San Antonio, TX. In July, 2010 Nils helped to launch the OnlineChurch.com community that has grown to over 15,000 in weekly online worship attendance with services in both English and Spanish. Online Church has also expanded into launching Online LifeGroups and has an active Facebook community of over 500,000 people from all over the world.



Nils graduated from Texas State University with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration and also holds a Masters in Ministry Leadership from Rockbridge Seminary. He is married to Katie and they live in Brooklyn, New York with their 2 beautiful girls - Emery and Shelby.

### FAST FACTS

**Workshop Summary — Nils interviews Jay Kranda of Saddleback Church on his experience as Online Pastor, and how online groups are implemented.**

**Website — <http://www.nilssmithsolutions.com/>**

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## Ellen Stumbo — Disability Matters

Ellen is the founder of Disability Matters. She is a writer and speaker who focuses on sharing the real -sometimes beautiful and sometimes ugly - aspects of faith, church, disability, parenting, and adoption. Ellen is a pastor's wife, and her husband, Andy, leads a Christian and Missionary Alliance church. Ellen's writing has appeared on Focus on the Family, LifeWay, Mom-Sense, Not Alone, Mamapedia and the Huffington Post.



### FAST FACTS

**Workshop Summary — Ellen challenges us with the question, What if the relationship between church and disability was not about a program but about an organic way of doing church?**

**Website — <http://whydisabilitymatters.org/>**

**Blog — <http://www.ellenstumbo.com/>**

## Tracy Terrill—Shepherd's College

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As the Executive Director of Shepherd's College, Tracy Terrill has served as the school's administrator since its inception in 2008, overseeing the development of one of the nation's premier postsecondary school for young adults with intellectual disabilities. Under his leadership, Shepherd's College has attained accreditation as a non-degree granting postsecondary school and has qualified to participate in the Federal Student Aid program. Mr. Terrill



earned a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education and a Master of Science in Curriculum & Instruction. He has served in a variety of educational roles, including administrator, teacher, coach, and athletic director and has established himself as a pioneer of new schools and programs, having overseen the start-up of several new endeavors through the years.

### FAST FACTS

**Workshop Summary** — Tracy presents this feature on Shepherd's College, the nation's leading post-secondary education option for young adults with intellectual disabilities.

**Website** — <http://www.shepherdscollege.edu/>

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## Ryan Wolfe—First Christian Church

Ryan Wolfe is the Disability Ministry Pastor at First Christian Church in Canton, OH. Married to his best friend, Melissa, and father of two amazing children. Ryan helped to launch First Christian Day Services a little over three years ago. First Christian Day Services is an faith based adult day habilitation program. Within this this program First Christian also provides employment for adults with developmental disabilities. The Disability Ministry at First Christian also provides Respite events, an annual Prom, volunteer guardianship, Sunday School for adults & children, online worship experiences, hosts Challenger Baseball and Special Olympics on Edgewood Field, and much more.



### FAST FACTS

**Workshop Summary** — Ryan talks to us about standing in the gap for adults with special needs when it comes to housing.

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## Mike Woods—First Baptist Orlando

In addition to serving as a Church Consultant with Key Ministry, Mike Woods currently works as the Director for the Special Friends Ministry at First Baptist Orlando. Prior to joining First Baptist Orlando, Mike worked for nine years as the autism and inclusion specialist for a large



school district in metropolitan St. Louis. Mike regularly blogs for Key Ministry on topics related to “missional” Special Needs Ministry...how churches can “leave the building” to share the love of Christ with families impacted by disabilities in their local communities.

### FAST FACTS

**Workshop Summary — suggests nine easily implementable strategies for connecting with families impacted by disability in your local community.**

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