



**FRIDAY  
4.5.19**

8:30 am – 4:15 pm  
St. Thomas More  
Catholic Church  
940 Carmichael Street  
Chapel Hill, NC

Suicide rates across our nation are increasing. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, our state and nation are experiencing an increased incidence of suicide. In 2016, 45,000 suicides were reported throughout our nation. An increase of up to 58% was found in some states and only one state had a decrease of 1% in suicides between 2014-2016.

Faith Connections on Mental Illness is sponsoring the 9th annual conference about our faith communities' responses to

the suicide crisis. This conversation will be initiated by The Rev. Rachel Keefe, who will present how faith communities can respond morally and ethically to this mental health challenge. Rev. Keefe's book, "The Lifesaving Church: Faith Communities and Suicide Prevention" will be featured. Betsy Rhodes will highlight how faith communities can offer hope to those living with suicidal thoughts. Dr. Joseph Williams will discuss the mental health issues facing those incarcerated in our local jails and prisons, including suicide. Rev. John P. Oliver will present methods and challenges for engaging clergy to foster mental health resiliency for our faith communities. The last session of the conference will consist of a panel discussion based on the experiences of the four main speakers. For more information on Faith Connections on Mental Illness, please visit [www.faithconnectionsmentalillness.org](http://www.faithconnectionsmentalillness.org)

**Target Audience**

Mental health professionals, including psychologists, clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, pastoral counselors, clergy, substance abuse counselors, school counselors, teachers, school support staff, individuals with mental health challenges, caregivers, loved ones and friends of individuals with mental health challenges and others interested in this subject

**Learning Objectives**

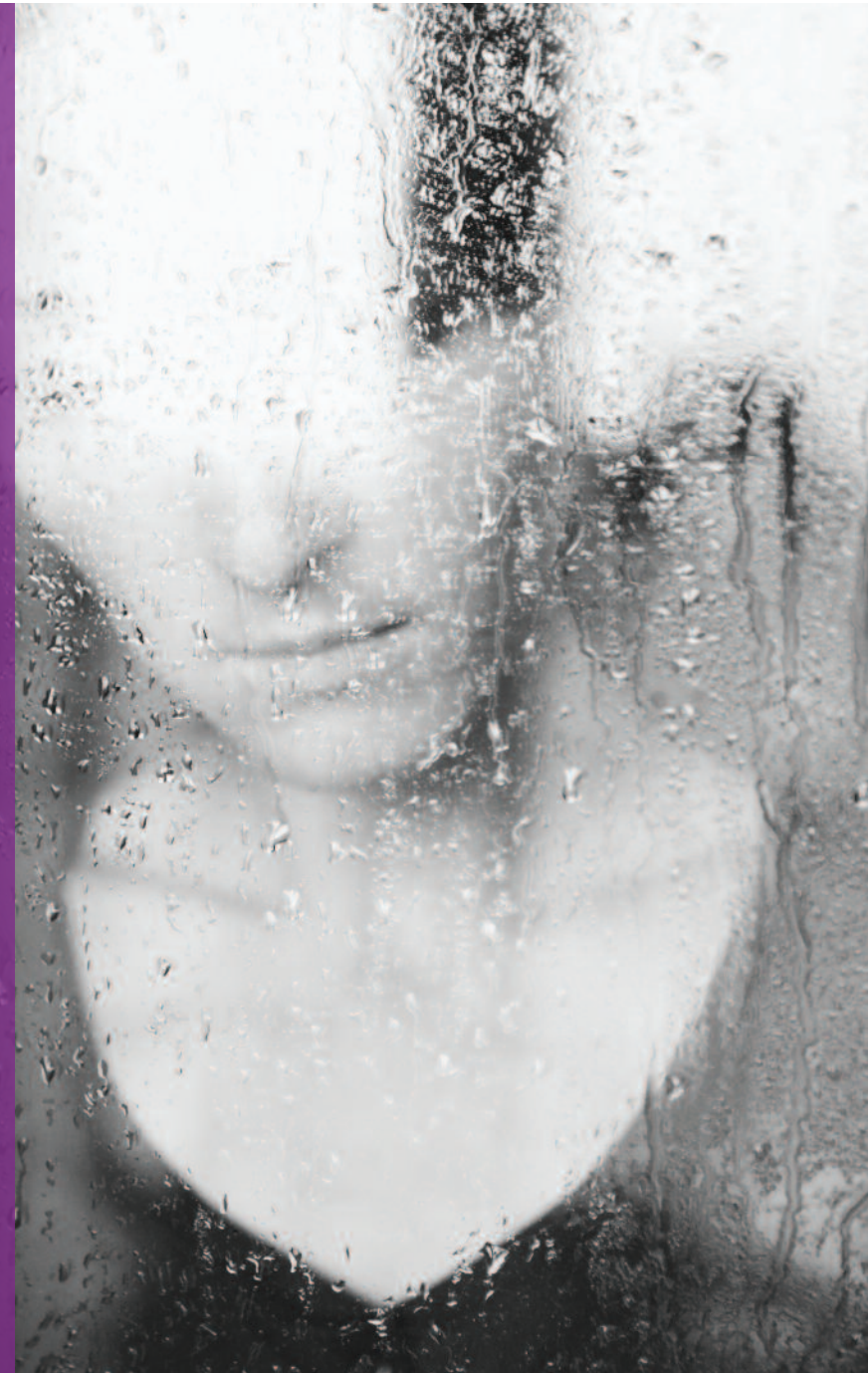
At the conclusion of this educational activity, the participant should be able to:

- Examine the different responses to suicide offered by a variety of faith traditions.
- Discuss the history of beliefs about suicide among the world faiths.
- Discuss current scientific knowledge about the risk factors and warning signs of suicide.
- Identify best practices for ministering to those affected by suicide in their congregations.
- Provide a brief overview of the field of correctional mental health, with emphasis on the topic of suicide within jails and prisons.
- Describe the gifts and challenges of engaging clergy and communities of faith in supporting mental health and resiliency within faith communities.



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HOPE AND HEALING:  
**Faith Communities  
and the Suicide Crisis**

**Agenda**

- 7:30 am **Registration/Exhibits/Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 **Welcome**
- 8:45 **About Faith Connections**
- 9:00 **Intentional and Faith-filled Suicide Prevention: Responding to Suicide and Suicidality to Save Lives**  
*Rachael A. Keefe, MDiv, ThM, DMin*  
Pastor, Living Table United Church of Christ  
Minneapolis, MN
- 9:35 **Break/Exhibits**
- 9:50 **Intentional and Faith-filled Suicide Prevention: Responding to Suicide and Suicidality to Save Lives (cont.)**  
*Rachael A. Keefe, MDiv, ThM, DMin*  
Pastor, Living Table United Church of Christ  
Minneapolis, MN
- 10:30 **Break/Exhibits**
- 10:45 **Announcements**
- 11:00 **Religion and Suicide: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly**  
*Betsy Rhodes*  
Associate Area Director , North Carolina Chapter, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 12:00 pm **Prayer/Lunch/Exhibits**
- 12:45 **Incarceration, Mental Illness, and the Risk of Suicide**  
*Joseph B. Williams, MD*  
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, UNC School of Medicine  
Chapel Hill, NC

- 1:45 **Break/Exhibits**
- 2:00 **Building Resilient Communities: Pastoral Engagement and Suicide Prevention**  
*Rev. John P. Oliver, BA, BM, MDiv, DMin, ACPE*  
Director, Chaplain Services and Education, Duke University Hospital  
Durham, NC
- 3:00 **Panel Discussion: Hope and Healing for Survivors**
- 4:00 **Closing Words/Prayer**
- 4:15 pm **Adjourn**

**Credit**

**Wake AHEC CEU:** Wake AHEC will provide .5 CEU to participants upon completion of this activity.  
A participant must attend 100% of the program to receive credit. Partial credit will not be awarded.

**Contact Hours:** Wake AHEC will provide up to 5.25 Contact Hours to participants.  
*Wake AHEC is part of the North Carolina AHEC Program.*

**Registration Fee**

- **Early Fee** - \$35; after March 22, 2019 - \$50. Vouchers will be accepted.
- Fee will include online certificate of completion. Copies of handouts will be available.
- Lunch will be provided.
- To assure quality programming and safety for all participants, babies and children may not attend this program.
- Call 919-350-8547 for our Inclement Weather updates.

**Cancellations and Refunds**

Refunds will not be issued. Substitutes are encouraged.

**ADA Statement**

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**Questions**

Contact Kristen Murphy at 919-350-0464 or krmurphy@wakeahec.org.

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- Create an account using the link in the top black bar at the upper right of the page.
- Respond to the verification email from MyAHEC to complete the process.



**9th Annual Faith Connections on Mental Illness Conference**

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**Preferred E-mail (REQUIRED)**  Dr.  Mr.  Ms.  Mrs.

First Name MI Last

Clinical Specialty Degree(s) (e.g., MD, PharmD, MS, BS)

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City State Zip ( )

Home County Home Phone

Employer Job Title

Work Address ( )

City State Zip

Work Fax Work Phone

Department

By providing your fax number, email address and telephone number, you have granted permission for us to contact you via the numbers and address indicated.

**LUNCH SELECTION** Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.  
 Ham & Cheese  Turkey  Tuna Salad  Vegetarian/ Vegan  Gluten Free

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

**Payment of check, credit card or supervisor signature must accompany registration.**

- Check enclosed. (Make check payable to Wake AHEC.)
- Credit Card: Contact Kristen Murphy at 919-350-0464 and provide card information.
- Employer will make payment. Supervisor to complete below and fax registration to 919-350-0470.

Supervisor's Name Printed

Supervisor's Signature Phone

By signing, I am certifying that agency payment will follow. If you have a balance due and do not attend or send a substitute, you will be invoiced for the full program fee.

**Questions?** Contact Kristen Murphy at 919-350-0464 or krmurphy@wakeahec.org.

**Register Today!**

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