

Panelists:

Dwight is a ruling elder in his church who is also an amputee. He has established a support group for amputees and their families.

Sharon is a nurse who helps clients with disabilities to develop life care plans. Sharon has Multiple Sclerosis, serves on her church's Special Needs Committee, and has been active in children's ministry for many years.

Roger and Patty are the parents of three children—their youngest son died shortly after birth from medical complications. Their oldest son has a variety of physical disabilities and medical conditions. Roger and Patty lead the Covenant Care Group ministry for families in need of crisis care at their church.

Jerry and Joan Borton serve with Joni and Friends at the Philadelphia office. Joan and Jerry provide consultative services to churches. Jerry has Cerebral Palsy.

Pam's husband Tom is living with early-onset dementia. For ten years, she has been walking the spouse's pathway of watching degenerative chronic illness affect her husband.

Margaret is a speech pathologist who has worked with special education students for many years.

Tom is the parent of a teenage son with autism. He is also an ordained minister and a licensed professional counselor.



Our Speaker is Steph Hubach

Steph serves as Director of Mission to North America's Special Needs Ministries and is the author of *Same Lake, Different Boat*. She and her husband attend Reformed Presbyterian Church (RPC) and have two sons, one of whom has Down syndrome.



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The Body of Christ And Disability

How to lovingly care for families
touched by disability or chronic
illness in the local church

Saturday, April 4, 2009

8 am–12:30 pm

Tenth Presbyterian Church
Philadelphia, PA

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves by the strength that God supplies - in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

1 Peter 4:10-11, ESV



Session 1: “Restoration or Compensation? How to Have a Kingdom Mindset for Ministry to Families Touched by Disability”

What does the coming of the kingdom look like in the lives of families who are affected by disability? How can the local church or parish be the hands and feet of Jesus, in practical ways, in the lives of families with disabled family members?

Session 2: “Restorative Ministry Starts with Awareness”

No holds barred! Don't miss your opportunity to come and ask our panel your questions about different types of disabilities or chronic illnesses, family life issues, ministry challenges, etc.

Session 3: Small Groups

1) For Children's Ministry Workers: How to Be Agents of Christ's Restorative Power to Families through Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Workers often have the most frequent interaction with children with special needs and their families. How do you build relationships with these children and their parents so that you can be an instrument of encouragement? How do we plan classes, make adaptations, and facilitate interactions that embrace the uniqueness of each child of God.

2) For Church Leaders: How to be Agents of Christ's Restorative Power to Families through Parish Ministry. Using case studies, real life situations, and a team approach—the panelists will serve as discussion leaders to assist church teams in: 1) recognizing where the presence of disability is likely to create challenges in family life, 2) distinguishing the effects of disability from the expression of dysfunction, 3) recognizing “red flags” that may indicate that a family system is in danger, and 4) brainstorming creative, loving ideas that can serve as vehicles to bring Christ's restorative power to a family.

3) For Families: Lord, Change My Child (spouse, friends, church, family...) OR Lord, Change Me? How does God use experiences with disability in a family member to bring about His ultimate purposes for our lives? Are we really willing to experience His restorative power in our greatest areas of need?

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For more information or to submit questions for the panel, contact Kristen Harnly at tenthcsn@msn.com.

Schedule

8:00 am	Registration and Breakfast
9:00 am	Session 1
9:50 am	Break
10:00 am	Session 2
11:15 am	Break (with Refreshments)
11:30 am	Session 3

Registration Form

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