

Pastoral Care & Crisis Intervention III

Congregational Care

Hello Pastors...

Enclosed here is information on a new series of continuing education opportunities that the Western PA District Pastor and Parish Team will be offering over the next year. Let me tell you about them. But first, let's discuss a few things. It is all too common that what affects one person will usually affect a number of others, usually their families and close friends. How could it not? However, what do we do when the crisis now is so monumental that it is having a large impact upon the entire congregation, not just one or two people or even a family?

That is why I am sending this to you and trust that you will take a moment to read this carefully. I have found over the last 27 years that many pastors, deacons and counselors truly struggle with what to say or do for people they are helping when the disaster strikes. This is why I urge you to read further and why we are offering this series of continuing education opportunities.

Over the next year, we will offer parts three and four of our four-part series on Pastoral Crisis Intervention. These one-day courses will begin with the most basic of skills needed by pastors to begin to offer spiritual support and comfort to persons in their care and will build upon the previous trainings as we make our way through the series.

Pastoral Crisis Intervention III

This course will begin immediately where **Intervention II** ends and will be building upon those basic skills. This training will now move the pastor into utilizing those skills within the larger context of the Congregational and Large Group setting. This course will explore:

- Vocabulary and Congregational/Group Dynamics during Crises
- Listening Skills
- Biblical Foundations
- Understanding Large Group Dynamics
- Congregational/Group Interventional Practice

Whether you are new to Pastoral Care or would enjoy refreshing those skills with new methods and skills, please consider attending these events. We will be offering these

events on two dates to accommodate persons working. **Pastoral Crisis Intervention I and II** are not prerequisites.

Pastoral Crisis Intervention III

March 09, 2019

Dale Leverknight, Instructor

Rummel Church of the Brethren, Windber, Penna.

Registration @ 8:30 a.m.

Deadline to register is February 25, 2019

Course will run from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Cost is \$10.00 **and includes your** 0.5 ceu's from SVMC, workbook, a continental breakfast and a hot lunch

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March 21, 2019

Greensburg Church of the Brethren, Greensburg, PA

(all other information is the same)

For further information or to ask any questions, please feel free to call Dale Leverknight at the Montgomery Church of the Brethren at 724-254-9720, 814-541-3684 or email us at pastor@montgomerycob.com.

Detach and mail your \$10.00 check or money order made out to "SVMC"

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