

**Pathways to Promise National Training Initiative**  
**Description of a Faith Community Mental Health Training Cooperative (MHTC)**  
**Site**

Mission

Developing faith community capacity to support recovery and wellness with individuals and families facing serious mental health issues – childhood disorders, trauma, serious mental illness, substance use disorders and mental health issues of aging

Local Community Examples

Generally an urban, multi-town or county area

Local Planning Committee

A voluntary membership of congregations, faith based groups, mental health education and advocacy organizations, mental health providers, and community allies which organizes basic mental health ministry training with clusters of neighboring congregations and an annual calendar of continuing education activities

Coordinator; Lead Agency

An individual designated to “staff” the planning committee and the life of the cooperative; a congregation or group participating in the planning committee willing to serve as a “home” for the cooperative coordinator, and as a non-profit fiscal agent to receive and disburse any funds supportive of the cooperative effort

Neighborhood Clusters

A group of neighboring congregational mental health ministry teams learning and working together with the help of a cluster facilitator

Core Curriculum

Basic training modules – Introduction to Mental Health Ministry; Organizing a Congregational Mental Health Team; Companionship; Clergy Support groups

Continuing Education

Assistance in accessing denominational resources, trainings such as Mental Health First Aid, resources on building a caring congregation, help from NAMI Faithnet and connecting to a wide range of local, state and national organizations

Annual Calendar

Developing a shared schedule of educational events and resource activities

Collaboration in a Statewide Network

Local sites are encouraged to become part of a statewide network

Connection to the National Training Initiative Program

Local sites are invited to be recognized and included in the annual roster of NTI cooperatives by submitting a list of planning committee members, participating congregations and their local annual a calendar.