



## Faith Group Organizations and Networks

The following is a listing of faith group networks and the offices to contact for further information. If the faith group has passed a resolution on mental illness, but has no network developed or staff assigned to this area of ministry, the national office is listed with no specific division or area noted.

**American Baptist Churches in the USA**, [abc-usa.org](http://abc-usa.org); has a statement on mental illness.

**Anabaptist Disabilities Network**, [adnetonline.org](http://adnetonline.org); Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADNet) is a national membership organization of families, friends, and persons living with mental illness and/or other disabilities related to Anabaptist church groups. ADNet began in late 2002 to carry on the previous national inter-Mennonite advocacy work in disabilities and mental illness. The mission of ADNet is to provide encouragement and resources to congregations, families, and persons with disabilities as they identify and embrace their God-given gifts and abilities in ministry to each other and to the larger church. Note: the following link deals with mental health issues: [adnetonline.org/Resources/Mental-Health](http://adnetonline.org/Resources/Mental-Health)

**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, [disciples.org](http://disciples.org); It has passed a resolution on mental illness. Those who formed the United Church of Christ Mental Illness Network are also welcoming members of the Disciples to their network.

**Christian Reformed Church in America**, [network.crcna.org/disability-concerns/topic/mental-health](http://network.crcna.org/disability-concerns/topic/mental-health); Information about mental illness and a [Stories of Grace and Truth](#) Project where people share stories about their lived experience with mental illness. This faith group's network is Christians Concerned About Mental Illness. Information on mental illness is included in the newsletter [Breaking Barriers](#).

**Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)**, [jesusisthesubject.org](http://jesusisthesubject.org); It has passed a resolution on mental illness voted by the Commission on Social Concerns.

**The Episcopal Church USA** has an Episcopal Mental Illness Network (EMIN), a ministry that grew out of the Presiding Bishop's Task Force on Accessibility (now defunct). Publishes EMIN News, a free semi-annual newsletter. It also has an informative website at [www.eminnews.org](http://www.eminnews.org).

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**, [elca.org](http://elca.org) links you to the ELCA's social message on mental illness: [Body of Christ and Mental Illness social message](#). Call the ELCA contact center at 800-638-3522 for a free complimentary copy. They also have an [Engage with Mental Illness Study Guide](#). There is a Lutheran Mental Illness Network that publishes a newsletter and holds periodic meetings and workshops.



**Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**, [lcms.org/socialissues/disability](http://lcms.org/socialissues/disability); Informational packet on mental illness and a video You are Not Alone.

**Mental Health Chaplaincy**, Seattle, WA. Web site: [www.mentalhealthchaplaincy.org/](http://www.mentalhealthchaplaincy.org/). Office is located at All Pilgrims Christian Church on Capitol Hill, 500 Broadway East, Seattle, WA 98102; (206) 631-1824; [info@mentalhealthchaplaincy.org](mailto:info@mentalhealthchaplaincy.org) . Founded by Rev. Craig Rennebohm in 1987, the Mental Health Chaplaincy provides a companion presence in the city for those living in homelessness, mental illness, addictions and trauma. Kae Eaton is now the Chaplain and Executive Director.

**Mental Health Ministries**, [www.mentalhealthministries.net](http://www.mentalhealthministries.net), is an ecumenical, interfaith outreach founded by Rev. Susan Gregg-Schroeder. The mission of Mental Health Ministries is to provide educational resources to help erase the stigma of mental illness in our faith communities and to help congregations become caring congregations for persons living with a mental illness and for their families. User friendly media and print resource that can be adapted to the unique needs of each congregation are available on the website. Many of the downloadable resources are available in Spanish. Mental Health Ministries also collaborates with faith communities, advocacy groups, community organizations and mental health professionals to lift up the importance of using a person's faith and spirituality as part of the overall treatment and recovery process.

**National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD)** [ncpd.org](http://ncpd.org); (202) 529-2933. NCPD has a link under Ministry Specific Resources for resources on mental illnesses.

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):** [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org); The denomination has published a document called: [Comfort My People: A Policy Statement on Serious Mental Illness](#).

**Presbyterian Serious Mental Illness Network (PSMIN)**, a network of the Presbyterian Health, Education & Welfare Association (PHEWA) [PSMIN](http://PSMIN), (800) 728-7228. PSMIN is a grassroots network of persons, congregations, and middle governing bodies who advocate, seek equity, justice, human dignity and full acceptance into the life of the church and society. Resources and models of ministry can be found on their Web site.

**Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform)**, Department of Jewish Family Concerns, [Disabilities Inclusion](#).

**Unitarian Universalist Mental Health Caucus:** UU Mental Health Caucus, Equal Access, Unitarian Universalist Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108; Contacts: Karl Paananen [karlpaananen@hotmail.com](mailto:karlpaananen@hotmail.com), Bob P. Skrocki [bpskrocki@comcast.net](mailto:bpskrocki@comcast.net) and Rev. Barbara F. Meyers [com\\_minister@mpuuc.org](mailto:com_minister@mpuuc.org). The UU accessibility group, Equal Access, sponsors a Mental Health Caucus that provides coordination and promotion of mental health ministry development within the Unitarian Universalist Association, and a UU community minister. It has a model mental health ministry with rich online resources at [www.mpuuc.org/mentalhealth/](http://www.mpuuc.org/mentalhealth/).



**United Church of Christ Mental Health Network:** The United Church of Christ expresses its support for mental health through its covenantal partnership with the UCC Mental Health Network. Resource materials, tool kits for building a mental health ministry and guidelines for how to be a WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged) congregation for mental health can all be found here: <http://mhn-ucc.blogspot.com/>

**United Methodist Church**, Ministry of God's Human Community, [General Board of Church & Society](#), 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, DC 20002; (202) 488-5654; [www.umc-gbcs.org](http://www.umc-gbcs.org). It has informational and educational resources available and coordinates the activities of the United Methodist Mental Illness Network.