

Restoring the Soul from War: A Call to America's Faith Communities

Overview

This one-day workshop will equip and empower teams of lay leaders and clergy from area faith communities to draw from the unique resources of their respective traditions in order to effectively increase the capacity of their religious community to tend to the moral injuries and soul wounds that result from war.

Registration

The Tulsa sponsor for this event is the Community Service Council (CSC) in conjunction with the Jack C Montgomery VA Medical Center. Please register each attending congregational/team member by September 1 by contacting CSC staff member Chanel Jones at 918-699-4292. Participating congregations are strongly encouraged to register a team of no less than three members from their community who are committed to participating in the workshop and implementing the lessons learned. The team would ideally include at least one veteran of military service and one civilian. One or two individuals from a faith community may participate for the sake of introductory learning but they should understand that this seminar is designed to help congregational teams implement steps for addressing soul injury created by war experiences.



September 5, 2013

0900-1600

Cost

This workshop is supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

There is no registration fee or cost to participants.

Event Location

Asbury United Methodist Church
6767 South Mingo Road
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133

September 5th Schedule

0900 Introductions, Pluralism, Ground Rules for Dialogue and Interfaith Engagement

0915 Presentation: Spiritual Warrior-hood through the Deployment Cycle

Team Building Activity #1: Discussion of Spiritual Disciplines, Rites and Rituals of Purification and Cleansing (20 minutes)

1000 Break

1015 Presentation: Ministering to Moral Injury (Case Studies of David and Angel)

Team Building Activity#2: Deep Listening to the Veterans Among us (20 minutes)

11:15 Presentation: Rituals for Departure and Return

Team Building Activity #3: Planning a Veteran's Day and Memorial Day service (20 minutes)

1200 Lunch and Networking (Lunch will be provided free and on-site)

1300 Presentation: Case Studies of Effective Military/Veteran Ministries

Team Building Activity #4: What Models Might we adopt and adapt? (20 minutes)

1400 Partners in Care Panel – Connecting Local Veteran Service Providers to Faith Communities

1500 Integration and Planning

Team Building Activity#5: Teams Discuss and then Present their Action Plans to the Group (40 minutes)

1545 Closing Remarks, Resources for Further Learning

1600 Conclusion

Those who wish to support the evening Service of Restoration will meet from 1600-1700.

1900 Interfaith Service of Restoration (Optional & Open to the Public)

All Souls Unitarian Church
2952 South Peoria
Tulsa, OK 74114

About Soldier's Heart

Soldier's Heart, a not-for-profit organization based in Troy, New York, trains and guides community-based efforts to restore our warriors and communities from the effects of war. Soldier's Heart teaches a unique and comprehensive model to address the emotional, moral and spiritual needs of veterans, service-members, their families, and our communities. Properly applied, the Soldier's Heart model alleviates symptoms of what is commonly called "PTSD" and addresses underlying soul wounds by developing a new and honorable warrior identity. Soldier's Heart was founded in 2006 by Ed Tick, PhD., and Kate Dahlstedt. Ed's book, War and the Soul: Healing Our Nation's Veterans from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (Quest, 2005), forms the foundation for our work at Soldier's Heart.



About the Workshop Facilitator

The Rev. Chris J. Antal is Staff Chaplain and Director of Faith Community Development at Soldier's Heart and the Chaplain for the 883 Combat Operational Stress Control Detachment in the U.S. Army Reserve. In 2010, the War Healing Circle Chris established in Albany, New York, was featured on the nationally televised program Religion and Ethics Newsweekly. Chris' father served as a medical doctor for the U.S. Navy in Vietnam, and Chris recently returned from service as an Army chaplain in Afghanistan, where he applied the Soldier's Heart model with his soldiers through the deployment cycle

Additional Questions

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