

Feedback on *"Faith, Family & Mental Health"* 11/19/09 Conference

- "Thank you so much for the effort and time you gave to make this a valuable program for our group of lay and professional ministers."
- "Very informative and clearly and emotionally delivered. Very educational. Thank God! And thanks to organizers."
- "Make this an annual event."
- "Superb. Need more of these conferences."
- "Excellent presentations and most informative. We need these events more often."
- "Thank you for initiating and hosting such an important conference."
- "This was a wonderful conference! You have given me many ideas of ways to mobilize Christians in Canada to improve the lives of persons with mental illness and their families. Thank you for allowing me to join you."
- "Personal testimonies were very troubling, helpful and compelling!"
- "I have benefitted so much from the many presentations!! Hearing personal testimonies as well as information about mental health resources has been stimulating and personally encouraging."
- "This has been an 'eye opener' for me regarding mental illness. I really enjoyed every speaker. Much work went into this seminar. God bless each of you."
- "Very glad to see Stephen ministry represented!"
- "Reverend Milner's overview of homeless persons' needs was excellent. I'd like to hear more about the ethical complexities of involuntary commitment. A panel of biomedical ethics would also be valuable."
- "I found this conference to be extremely informative and necessary. I would love the opportunity to volunteer where needed. Please continue to educate wherever possible so that we may someday be able to send the message loud and clear that mental illness should be treated appropriately."
- "Excellent and long overdue. I will volunteer on any level. Wish we could have had more media coverage."
- "Can this be done in each region of the state?"
- "Well done. Good pacing and speakers. Thank you."
- "This has been a most rewarding conference. I needed information regarding the dually-impaired (mental illness and addiction) and I got it. Thanks. Many speakers were inspirational, as well."
- "Great information!"
- "I gained a wealth of information and ideas for our church to embrace persons who suffer from mental illness as well as those who are affected by mentally ill family members. Thanks!"
- "I have really enjoyed this event and to be able to network and learn about the numerous organizations in the community. I look forward to future events."
- "Thank you for ALL you are doing to save lives from suicide!"
- "It is so important to incorporate all that has been presented into churches and other faith-based organizations. People perish daily for lack of knowledge. It is time to be the ear for those crying out in the wilderness. Thank you so much for the work you are doing!"
- "Thank you for highlighting the issues of mental illness. I wish the broader community could have been here."

“How do I get more involved?”

“I think this was very helpful. Education is the beginning. The stories that were told were helpful.”

“Great day! I am available and qualified to present and offer training to individuals and families dealing with the challenges of caregiving, especially as they relate to elder care.”

“Thank you so much for organizing this conference!”

“Very informative! Excellent speakers!”

“Thank you for shedding a human light on a very complicated and misunderstood issue.”

“Thanks to Dr. Branko for this great conference! Well done!”

“Heartbreaking stories that helped to bring more understanding to the subject matter. All speakers were wonderful, but especially Leland Jones and Carol Graham!”

“I want to collaborate and cooperate with you in your work on mental illness & faith communities. Specifically, can we work on an Atlanta regional conference in November 2010? Let’s just do it!”

“I am taking so much with me and I hope and pray I will be a blessing to others as I have been blessed by today!”

“I am excited and enlightened about the need for education of myself and others about mental illness. I am so very grateful for the resources that are available.”

“This is a great event to raise awareness and make resources/agencies available for information sharing. But ultimately, each of us must decide to utilize these resources to benefit our church and community members.”

“I’m glad I attended to better understand the issues and needs of fellow citizens with mental illness.”

“Thank you for this information, and God bless your ministry!”

“The information you provided was very helpful and placed me in the position to give direction to those in need. Thank you.”

“This is a great start. I thank God for your efforts in starting FaithWorks. You’re my hero. I’m retired and may be able to help you in some capacity.”

“Having a speaker or panel do a theological framing of the issues would add to the valuable information of the day (e.g. wrestling with theodicy, God’s role in suffering & hope, etc.).”

“I’m interested in a workshop for our clergy on what we can do for the mentally ill in our church and community. Please contact Druid Hills Baptist Church.”

“Thank you so much for organizing this conference. The speakers were well-selected to provide a mix of information and personal testimony.”

“Thanks for this opportunity! Please add us to your email list for advocacy work and updates.”

“This conference was very well planned and quite helpful.”

“Very, very good.”

“The conference was great. I would have liked to see more clergy here.”

“Great conference!!”

“Wonderful! Informative! Great opportunity to network and possibly collaborate. New resources for my members and students. Many thanks!!”

“Thank you so much for putting this conference together. We need to grow these efforts and market them.”

“I hope the conference can be an annual event for greater Atlanta and that we can continue to talk, advocate, and network together. I really appreciate the leadership and initiative of Dr. Branko.”