

A Light IN THE Darkness:

EQUIPPING FAITH LEADERS for Suicide Prevention and Post-Suicide Care

This program will run concurrently with the 9th Annual Kevin's Song Conference on Suicide



Friday, January 24, 2025 | 8:30am-5:00pm | St. John's Resort - Plymouth, MI | Fee: \$50

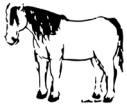
More than any other professionals – pastors, chaplains, spiritual leaders and pastoral counselors minister at the intersection of theology and moral practice. They teach people to choose life. They provide guidance in how to build lives worth living. They teach how to manage suffering. They monitor and intervene when suicidal people come to them for help. They guide faith communities in how to support suicide survivors.

Many people who experience the loss of a loved one to suicide decide to leave their church congregation or abandon their faith altogether due to the pain and stigma often associated with death by suicide.

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To equip faith leaders and faith advocates with the capabilities needed to prevent suicide, combat stigma, and provide care and comfort to all those affected by suicide, Kevin's Song and its partners are offering **A Light in the Darkness: Equipping Faith Leaders for Suicide Prevention and Post-Suicide Care.**

Attendance at this workshop and training program is limited to faith ministers and faith advocates and requires a separate registration.

The Morning Workshop is Designed to Discuss:

- The role of faith leaders in suicide prevention
- The essential competencies for faith leaders in their role of supporting lives worth living
- How to work collaboratively to save lives and support suicide survivors.

The Afternoon Session with Feature:

A safeTALK training participants to recognize and engage persons who might be having thoughts of suicide and connect them with community resources trained in suicide intervention.

Alternatively, attendees can opt for a postvention training that will focus on the care of those left behind following a suicide and providing faith leaders with the resources and guidance they need to foster hope and healing in their community.

This safeTALK and Faith Leader training is supported by MDHHS's Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men Program, which receives 100 percent of its funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award totaling \$870,000. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CDC/HHS, or the U.S. Government.

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Rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu El, Cleveland, Ohio



Moderator: Barb Smith

Founder and Executive Director, Barb Smith Suicide Resource & Response Network

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This team has a wealth of experience in suicide prevention and have frequently collaborated on these clergy training sessions with a focus on the faith perspective.

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