

SCHEDULE

- 9:30am Registration
- 10:00am General Plenary/Erik Carter
- 11:15am Workshop 1,2,3, and 4
- 12:15pm Lunch and Networking
- 1:15pm Workshops 1,2,3 and 4
- 2:15pm Closing Celebration

REGISTRATION

Includes lunch, book by Jean Vanier, plenary and all workshops. [Child care is NOT provided.]

\$35.00/adults
\$30.00/students

Registration Deadline: October 15, 2011

ONLINE REGISTRATION

www.disabilityconference.org



MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

CLC Network, Attn: Judi Warner
4340 Burlingame SW
Wyoming, MI 49509

[Please make checks payable to CLC Network.]

Please include payment with registration.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Workshop Choices (circle two) 1 2 3 4

QUESTIONS: Contact Judi Warner at
jwarner@clcnetwork.org or 616-245-8388

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

CLC Network
4340 Burlingame SW
Wyoming, MI 49509
(616) 245-8388 | clcnetwork.org



Disability Concerns CRC
2850 Kalamazoo Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49560
(888) 463-0272 | arcna.org/disability



Disability Concerns RCA
4500 60th St SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
(616) 541-0855 | rca.org/disability



Friendship Ministries
2215 29th St SE #B6
Grand Rapids, MI 49508
(888) 866-8966 | friendship.org



Hope Network
3075 Orchard Vista
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
(616) 301-8000 | hopenetwork.org



Western Theological Seminary
101 E. 13th St
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-8555 | westernsem.edu



Calvary Church
707 East Beltline NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
(616) 956-9377 | calvarygr.org



formerly called
One Body
Together in Christ

A conference for pastors,
church and ministry leaders,
seminary and college students,
volunteers, friendship mentors,
and parents.

Saturday, October 22
9:30am - 2:30pm

LOCATION:
Calvary Church
707 East Beltline NE
Grand Rapids,
MI

Disability & Ministry conference



FROM BROKENNESS TO COMMUNITY

ERIK CARTER,
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Erik Carter is an Associate Professor in the Department of Special Education at Vanderbilt University. He completed his graduate work in the area of severe disabilities at Vanderbilt and his undergraduate work in Christian education at Wheaton College. His research and teaching focuses on strategies for supporting meaningful school inclusion and promoting valued roles in school, work, and community settings for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He is author of the book *Including People with Disabilities in Faith Communities* (Brookes Publishing).

● ● WORKSHOP 2

Disabilities 101/Creating Community

This workshop will provide biblical and theological principles about overcoming barriers, nurturing volunteers, and transforming hearts to create community within the body of the church.

PRESENTER
Nella Uitvlugt

Nella is the Executive Director of Friendship Ministries, an international/interdenominational ministry for people with intellectual disabilities.

● ● WORKSHOP 4

Getting Creative with Outreach

This workshop will explore unique approaches for reaching out to people, including bringing church to them and restoring community.

PRESENTERS
Mary Engle and Joan Cornelison

Joan is the Director of Hope Network Pastoral Services. Mary is the Executive Director of Prison Fellowship in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

● ● WORKSHOP 1

Enlarging Your Imagination

A panel of individuals will share insights gained from life experiences. The panel will be facilitated by a moderator.

PANEL MODERATOR:
Matt Floding

Matt is Director of Formation for Ministry and Dean of Students at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, MI. For the past six years he has learned about disabilities in a special way from the residents of Friendship House, a housing initiative at Western that includes both seminary students and young adults with intellectual challenges.

● ● WORKSHOP 3

Reaching Parents and Caregivers Where They Are

How can the church build up families with courage and hope as they journey with a disability? A family impacted by a son with CHARGE Syndrome will share what has been helpful to them.

PRESENTER
Kevin Troupe

Kevin is a husband, dad, and above all, a child of God and follower of Jesus. The Troupes are a homeschooling family of six living in the Western Michigan area. Their only son, Matthew, has CHARGE Syndrome, a rare and complex genetic disorder. Kevin shares the joys and sorrows of raising a child with special needs with stories and real life application in a humorous, insightful and inspiring way. Many presentations are woven around topics such as prayer, sacrifice, determination, suffering, joy, goals, etc.

JEAN VANIER,
DEVOTIONAL WRITER

Jean Vanier is the founder of L'Arche, an international organization that creates communities where people with developmental disabilities and those who assist them share life together. In 1964, Vanier became aware of the plight of thousands institutionalized with disabilities. Jean felt led by God to invite two men to leave the institutions where they resided and share their lives with him in a real home. Wherever it exists, the goal of L'Arche is to enable people with developmental disabilities to play their full part in society, helping to make it a more friendly place. L'Arche does this by creating outward facing communities where people with and without disabilities can share life, affirming one another's unique values and gifts. There are over 130 L'Arche communities in 30 countries.