



*THE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
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THE RELIGIOUS COALITION FOR
REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE*



INVITE YOU TO ATTEND:

PASTORAL COUNSELING FOR REPRODUCTIVE LOSS

A WORKSHOP FOR FUTURE CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF ALL FAITHS

WHAT: A training and workshop session in Pastoral Counseling for Reproductive Loss. This seminar provides future clergy with the information and skills they need to be an effective pastoral presence for people mourning a reproductive loss.

DATE: Friday, February 27, 2009

TIME: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sign-in starts at 10:45 a.m. Session starts promptly at 11:00 a.m. A box lunch will be served during the session.

PLACE: Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, 7301 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19119-1794 (Room 209, Brossman)

HOW: If you would like to take part, or wish to know more, please RSVP to dgleiter@ltsp.edu or send your questions by email to Rev. Mathew Westfox (mwestfox@rcrc.org) who will be leading the training. **IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND, PLEASE RSVP AS SPACE IS LIMITED.**

WHY: Any reproductive loss, whether through miscarriage, infertility, stillbirth, abortion or adoption, can carry with it a range of feelings, including feelings of grief, loss, loneliness, regret, relief, and sadness. While all these are normal responses to such an event, people experiencing reproductive loss often feel the need to talk to someone about their feelings, and the need to find a sympathetic and supportive clergy person to help them.

This curriculum, “Pastoral Counseling for Reproductive Loss”, provides clergy with the information and skills they need to be an effective pastoral presence for people mourning a reproductive loss. We will address the various kinds of reproductive loss, and how these issues affect both women and family members. We will also discuss the particular issues involved around reproductive loss for those in the Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgender communities. Covering medical, emotional, and spiritual issues, the curriculum also provides rituals and an extensive bibliography of both print and on-line resources.

We hope you will join us!

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