

ADDICTION & FAITH CONFERENCE

BREAKOUT SESSION

Tools and Best Practices for Addiction Ministry

Pastor Tom Scornavacchi, M.Div. & Paul Brunsberg

Pastor Scornavacchi will talk about how many addicts and alcoholics who manage who stop using substances and behaviors addictively fail to realize “The Promises” because they cannot, or will not, engage in the spiritual practices that lead to peace and freedom. Faith based recovery communities can provide a solution.

- How faith communities can address addiction.
- What an effective recovery ministry looks like.
- How to collaborate with community based efforts.

Paul Brunsberg will discuss how to educate adults and youth around the disease concept, treatment, and Hope. He will offer appropriate intervention processes for church leaders and how to best identify and use local resources.

- Learn who is in recovery and who needs recovery.
- Be available to those who struggle with alcoholism, and/or mental health issues.
- Create a caring community, where love, acceptance, and caring are known in the community at large.



Ordained in 2010, The Rev. Tom Scornavacchi is a pastor and mission developer for Common Ground Recovery Communities in Wyomissing, Reading, and Douglassville, PA. Tom is passionate about creating authentic faith communities that welcome diversity, foster intimacy, embrace vulnerability, and celebrate God’s love for all of creation. Tom holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Behavioral Health and Addiction Studies from Alvernia University and a Master of Divinity from The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.



Paul Brunsberg attended Concordia College, Luther Seminary, the University of Edinburg and the University of Virginia. He holds a B.A., a Masters Degree-Div. and a Masters Degree-Social Work. He has served as a parish pastor, and chaplain. He worked for Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota as a counselor and founded Lost and Found Ministry and Recovery Worship in Fargo, North Dakota. He is author of the book, “Jesus, You, and Bill W.” an introduction to healthy, grace oriented, Jesus centered spirituality to persons new in 12 step recovery.