



THAT ALL MAY WORSHIP: BEYOND THE RAMP A DISCUSSION OF ACCEPTANCE, AND INCLUSION

PRESENTED BY:
INTERFAITH DISABILITY CONNECTION, SHEPHERD CENTER AND
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Interfaith Disability Connection (IDC), Shepherd Center, and First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta will present *That All May Worship: Beyond The Ramp* on Sunday, August 3, at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta. This one-day educational event will focus on how religious communities can make their services and programs fully accessible to those with disabilities. Topics will go beyond just eliminating physical barriers and will discuss creating services and programs in which all members can easily participate.

Leaders in religious communities and disability communities, advocates, and friends are invited to take part in this conference on community, acceptance, and inclusion. Attendees will gain the knowledge, resources, and motivation to make positive changes in their religious communities.

The event will be led by four leaders in religion and disability education: Rabbi Lynne Landsberg, Reverend Al Mead, Imam Furqan Muhammad, and Ginny Thornburgh.



Rabbi Lynne F. Landsberg is senior advisor on disability issues for the Union for Reform Judaism's Religious Action Center and Department of Jewish Family Concerns. She is currently a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) Justice, Peace, and Religious Liberties Committee and chair of the CCAR Committee of Disability Awareness and Inclusion.



Reverend Al Mead is the associate pastor of New Hope Baptist Church and believes "God has given us all the ability to transcend." He has served as vice chairman of the board of directors of the 1996 Paralympic Organizing Committee and as a CBS Sports commentator for the Games. A Paralympic gold and silver medalist, Mead was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 2006.



Imam Furqan Muhammad is the resident imam at Masjid Al-Muminun in Atlanta. He possesses personal experience that has made him a tireless advocate for the inclusion of people with disabilities in the Islamic community. Imam Muhammad currently serves as a member of the board of the Interfaith Disability Connection.



Ginny Thornburgh is vice president and director of the religion and disability program at the National Organization on Disability in Washington, DC. Mrs. Thornburgh is a nationally recognized authority in matters at the intersection of religion and disability. Thornburgh is the author and editor of many insightful guides that focus on the inclusion of people with disabilities in congregational life. These guides include *That All May Worship: An Interfaith Welcome To People With Disabilities* (written with Ann Rose Davie), *Loving Justice: The ADA and the Religious Community*, and *From Barriers to Bridges: A Community Action Guide for Congregations and People with Disabilities* (written with Janet Miller Rife).

Conference Agenda*

12:30-1:15 Registration and Box Lunch (All meals will be Kosher)

1:15-1:30 Welcome and Invocation

1:30-2:30 Reverend Al Mead, *The Ability To Transcend*

Rabbi Lynne Landsberg, *The Healing Power of Religious Communities*

Ginny Thornburgh, *From Barriers To Bridges: Don't Start With The Elevator*

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-3:30 Breakout Sessions facilitated by Reverend Al Mead, Rabbi Lynne Landsberg, Imam Furqan Muhammad and Ginny Thornburgh

3:30-3:45 Break

3:45-4:00 What Have We Learned?- Summary and Innovation from Breakout Sessions

4:00- 5:00 Ginny Thornburgh, *What I Wish I Could Say to My Congregation About Welcoming Someone Like Me*

5:00- 5:30 Interfaith Worship- Imam Furqan Muhammad, Presiding

*schedule subject to change.

Driving Directions to Shepherd Center

From South of Atlanta:

Take I-75 North or I-85 North through downtown Atlanta via the I-75/85 connector. Bear right onto I-75 North toward Marietta/Chattanooga. Take first exit #252A, Northside Drive (Hwy. 41). Turn right onto Northside Drive and continue a half mile. Turn right at the first traffic light onto Collier Road; follow to dead-end. Turn left onto Peachtree Road. Turn left at second light into Shepherd Center.

From Northwest of Atlanta:

Take I-75 South to exit #252 "Howell Mill Road/Northside Drive." On exit ramp, follow signs to Howell Mill Road. Turn left onto Howell Mill Road. A second traffic light, turn right onto Collier Road; follow to dead-end. Turn left onto Peachtree Road. Turn left at second light into Shepherd Center.

From North of Atlanta:

Take GA 400 South to exit #2, "Lenox Rd./Buckhead." Turn right at end of ramp. At second traffic light, turn left onto Piedmont Road South. Merge into right lane. At second traffic light, turn right onto Peachtree Road. Continue for three miles. Turn right into Shepherd Center.

From Northeast of Atlanta:

Take I-85 South to Exit #86, "Hwy. 13 South/Peachtree Street." Follow ramp for approximately three miles. Pass the exit ramp for I-75/I-85 South. Bear right onto next exit ramp for "US 19/N. Peachtree St./Buckhead." Turn right onto Peachtree Street; continue approximately one mile. Turn left at seventh traffic light into Shepherd Center.

Directions to Shepherd Center via MARTA

Take the North-South rail line. If you are on the East-West rail line, you must transfer at the Five Points Station. Take MARTA to the Arts Center Station in Midtown. At the bus station, board Bus #23, which travels Northbound on Peachtree Street. Exit at the bus stop in front of the Darlington Apartments at 2025 Peachtree Road. This bus stop is located directly across the street from Shepherd Center.

2008 IDC Conference Registration Form

Registration deadline July 21, 2008.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ Cell number _____

Email address _____

Congregation or Organization _____

Position held _____

Dietary preference (*all meals will be Kosher*)(circle one) Vegetarian Vegan Low Sodium Diabetic

Assistance needs (circle all needed) CART amplification system orientation and mobility assistance
sign language dog guide care information note taking assistance

Media format preference (circle one) Braille Large Print

Registration fee: \$25.00

**\$5.00(for People with disabilities and their family members). Discounted registrations
made possible by the Georgia Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities**

Payment Method:

Check____ **Money Order**____ (Make checks and money orders out to Bobby Dodd Institute)

Credit Card: Amex____ Visa____ Mastercard____

Card Number _____ **Exp.Date** _____

Card Verification Code _____ **Total amount of payment \$** _____

How did you hear about this event? (circle one) television internet email
direct mail advertisement (*name of publication*) _____

**Mail registration form to:
Bobby Dodd Institute, 2120 Marietta Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30318**

Space limited to the first 175 registrants!!!!