

Chronic Illness Represented At Religion & Disability Conference

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Chronic illness is often invisible, but still results in disabilities and isolation. Lisa Copen, Executive Director of the Poway-based Rest Ministries, will be participating in “That All May Worship,” an interfaith conference on April 27. The conference will focus on helping churches understand how to outreach to those with disabilities and make them feel welcome.

The conference will take place at Bethel Seminary, 6116 Arosa St. and the keynote speaker Rev. Harold Wilke, founding director of the National organization on Disability. The conference is 9am-3pm; cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Lunch is included.

Copen hopes to increase awareness about the needs of the chronically ill. Rest Ministries nationally serves over 130 HopeKeepers groups, their church-based small group program.

Rest Ministries is a nonprofit Christian organization that serves people who live with chronic illness or pain. Rest Ministries began in 1997 when founder, Lisa Copen, who lives with rheumatoid arthritis, saw the need for Christian support while living with a chronic illness. Rest Ministries now serves thousands daily through HopeKeepers groups and their website, which includes free online daily devotionals.

For information about Rest Ministries or to see if a HopeKeepers group is in your area, call 888-751-7378 or visit the website at www.restministries.org. For information about attending “That All May Worship” conference, call Cory Underwood at 858-573-9361.

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