Join with GENEROUS SPACE MINISTRIES and SHALEM MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK for a joint conference on:

LGBTQ+, Mental Health and FAITH
exploring the intersections

Friday, September 29, 2017

LUIS F GONCALVES, an experienced therapist who has navigated his own LGBTQ+ journey, will give the keynote presentation on LGBTQ+ and Mental Health.

Practitioners Panel: discussing client rights; finding the right therapist; navigating mental health resources in Ontario.

LGBTQ+ Panel: discussing mental health needs during self-discovery and coming out; accessing effective supports; integration of faith; navigating family and faith communities; complications of mental illness.

Panelists include: members of the GENEROUS SPACE COMMUNITY, DIANE MARSHALL, SHARON RAMSAY, and KEN VANWYK. See the reverse for more information about the presenters.

WHAT TO EXPECT:
• a day of dialogue and co-learning with LGBTQ+ individuals and practitioners
• a better understanding of the complexity of mental health challenges for LGBTQ+ individuals
• a sharing of the unique challenges and opportunities for building support systems
• an exploration of the distinctions between mental illness and orientation/gender realities

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
• Social workers, psychotherapists, psychologists, counsellors
• Community leaders, educators and pastors
• LGBTQ+ individuals, families and support people

LOCATION:
Meadowvale Community Church
2630 Inlake Court
Mississauga, ON L5N 2A7

9 am - 4 pm

REGISTRATION FEE:
$125 - Early bird fee, if received before September 8, 2017
$150 - After September 8, 2017
$30 - Student rate

Registration fee includes lunch and refreshments

TO REGISTER VISIT:
shalemnetwork.org/workshop/lgbtqandmentalhealth
or call 866.347.0041
**LUIS F GONCALVES** is a social worker who has studied at both McGill and University of Toronto. He has extensive clinical and supervisory experience in children’s mental health and in individual, couple and family counselling at Family Services agencies. With a particular interest in trauma-informed and culture sensitive practices, Luis was involved in the early development of the Gay Partner Abuse Project. He has guest lectured at the Faculty of Social Work of University of Toronto and Wilfred Laurier on same-sex couple therapy. He is currently at Thrive Counselling, formerly Halton Family Services, in Oakville.

**DIANE MARSHALL** is a Registered Psychotherapist and Clinical Fellow of AAMFT and has been in clinical practice in Toronto since 1977. She has supervised and trained therapists for more than 30 years in various ethnic communities. Diane’s work includes many areas of expertise in the field of individual, marriage and family therapy: couple therapy, including the complexities of separation, divorce, remarriage, and the parenting issues which result; inter-faith couples; same sex couples; life transitions; issues of aging, grief and bereavement. Diane works collaboratively with a multi-cultural team at the Institute of Family Living.

**SHARON RAMSAY** is a Registered Psychotherapist and Registered Marriage and Family Therapist who divides her time between a children’s mental health setting and maintaining a private therapy and supervision practice. Her interest in both professional arenas is the idea of offering radical hospitality, an unapologetic welcome to all who are seeking change to come and first be heard and seen for who they are.

**KENNETH VAN WYK** is a Registered Psychotherapist in Ontario with over 40 years of clinical experience. Since 1995 he has been the Executive Director of Christian Counselling Services in Toronto. Ken earned a Masters in Business Administration (Health Care Administration) in 1992 and is presently completing a Ph.D. at the Institute for Christian Studies. Ken is the originator of the Congregational Assistance Plan and is passionate about sustaining Gospel-driven mental health initiatives in communities.