

Rural Clergy Training – Session I

August 12, 2015

Educating community clergy about how they can support Veterans and their family members through the readjustment process.

Many Veterans and their family members seek help for their problems from clergy. An upcoming event in Cincinnati can help prepare you to support them.

Rural and smaller-town Veterans in particular have limited choices for healthcare. As a member of the clergy, you and your house of worship are an important contact point for Veterans in your community. Sometimes clergy members aren't aware of the Veterans in their congregation or how they might help a Veteran and their family following deployment. Clergy may recognize Veterans who are struggling in their return to civilian life, but not know how to support them.

The National Chaplain Center of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) invite you to attend a free interactive training in **Cincinnati, Ohio**. This event will be held on **Wednesday, August 12th** from **9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.** at the **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**.

Training topics in this session will include:

- Identifying potential conflicts between civilian and military cultures.
- Identifying actions community clergy can take to assist military personnel and their families with a healthy adjustment to a civilian culture.
- Types of common military events that can cause adjustment problems.
- Identifying the relationship between spirituality and "meaning making."
- The importance of Personal Narratives and Past, Present and Future Stories.
- Identifying pastoral responses and resources for clergy and their congregations.

This workshop will be held Wednesday, August 12th from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7701 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati, OH 45236.

Check-in will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the day should conclude by 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Seating is limited for this free event, so please register TODAY. Registration closes August 7th. You can complete the Registration for this training online at www.ruralhealth.va.gov/clergytraining or contact Pastor Joe Schrock at 614-208-9618/oakbug@yahoo.com, to reserve your seat.



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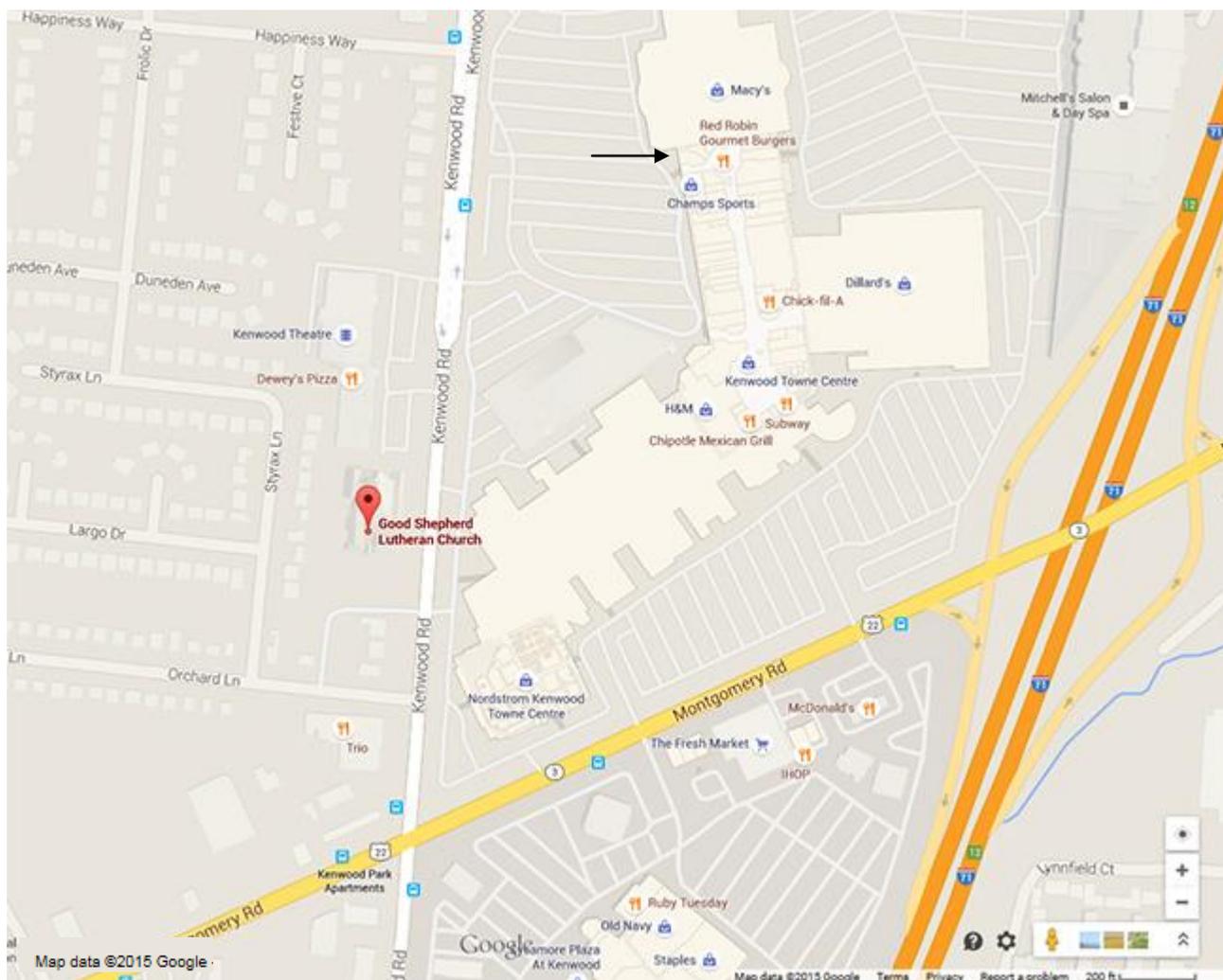
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