

AAIDD 2017-18 Action Plan Proposal

Division, SIG, Action Group, Task Force Name:	Religion and Spirituality Division	
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Overarching Goal(s) for the Year:	Promote and provide resources to faith communities, service providers, individuals with disabilities and family members to advance the practice of inclusion of people with disabilities in faith community life.	
Objectives <i>(e.g., increase participation, improve communication, advance the field, etc.)</i>	Activities <i>(e.g., publish newsletter, facilitate discussion in online community, provide SECP scholarship, etc.)</i>	Strategies/ Resources That Will be Used <i>(e.g., list serves, social media, professional interest group funds, meeting space, etc.)</i>
1. Reaching out to, and strategically inviting North American Faith and Culture Networks/ UCEDD's/Disability Studies programs/Faith Based Agencies/Disability Ministry group to participate in the interest network	2. Develop engaging talking points as to why to be part of the interest network 3. – what are the advantage of belonging to the interest network ? – Best practices? Networking? Resources? Prompt the Journal & certification opportunities -- How membership can enhance what they are doing, how can it advance the work interest network.	Reaching out to, and strategically inviting North American Faith and Culture Networks/ UCEDD's/Disability Studies programs/Faith Based Agencies/Disability Ministry group to participate in the division Notes: Are there an efficient way to connect with these groups – through ARC or through AUCD – TASH, Autism society of America. More discussion regarding interfaith – through Jewish federation?

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<p>Increase number of R & S certifications</p>	<p>1. Certificate continues to be a vastly under tapped resource - is there a way that we re-imagine who might be interested and take advantage of this Certification? ie: not just chaplains, but faith-based execs - faith and culture network leaders and workers -- etc?</p> <p>The team will discuss what ways we might need adapt/adjust certificate and its marketing.</p>	<p>Promote certification on R & S webpage, in newsletter, Gleanings, others as determined by task force</p>
<p>Increase membership involvement</p>	<p>1. Increase membership interest and engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Strategic communication to the membership ii. Journal awareness and access iii. Gleanings: find someone(s) to be mentored by Bill to be the editor of Gleanings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Future of Gleanings - Webinars (1/4ly) short - Email blasts around a particular topic - Make Interest Network site more engaging and effective.
<p>Increase visibility of the Interest Group as a resource to service providers, families, and religious institutions and <i>within</i> AAIDD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic engagement with local chapters - Increase profile, awareness and relationship with other interest groups. Look for common conversations/projects/research to build on. <p>At next year's AAIDD event we will have a person(s) host the Interest Groups poster board evening and actively engage and promote the Interest Group and its work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	<p>Anne – nurturing local geographic – Anne will reach out to AAIDD board, discover the local AAIDD meetings and we will encourage local Division folks to attend and promote division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Look for agencies that are doing this well - Identify a few faith communities at have

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		<p>engaged persons with disabilities and their families well</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create resource and training opportunities for managers and DSP that agencies could use/adapt.
Sponsor a Student for 2018 AAIDD Conference.	<p>This would be a great opportunity to identify and encourage an upcoming researcher in the field of Religion and Spirituality, as well as raise awareness and profile of the interest network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We would look for donations and sponsorship to support this opportunity. We already have received \$100.00 in donations, and an agency has already indicated interested in contributing as well. We might consider approaching a foundation & other professional certification agencies for co-sponsorship. 	<p>Sarah Hall Lead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research potential sponsors/foundations that may be interested in financially supporting
Develop proposal for AAIDD 2018 presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building on the 2017 HCSB conversation, what are the resources, training, support that could/needs to be offered to agencies to equip managers and DSP's to identify, support, advocate and advance the Spiritual desires, needs and goals of persons supported. 	
How will the activities in this proposed plan contribute to the achievement of AAIDD's strategic plan?	<p>They contribute through growth of membership in the AAIDD, disseminating information, utilize collaboration, increasing awareness and knowledge of the importance of faith and culture broadly in research and application in mult disciplines.</p>	