

WELCOME TO
Northland's Access Ministries
CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND DISABILITY

Our conference is coming on January 22-23, 2010, and we want you to be a part of it!

New and informative sessions will be offered at this important and much-needed gathering which looks at the intersection of disability, faith and practical information for all. It is a special time for the greater community to **learn together** about including persons with disabilities within all aspects of faith – study, worship, service and leadership.

Can YOU Attend? ABSOLUTELY!

Everyone is invited – Persons living with disabilities, families, friends, caregivers, ministry personnel across all denominations, community agencies and non-profits, and faith-based organizations.

The conference is specifically designed to provide inspiration and support for all during the opening general sessions, as well as during the two tracks of practical workshops for:

- Persons with disabilities, their families, caregivers, and friends
- Places of worship and faith-based and community organizations -- religious leaders, program staff, and volunteers

Should YOU Go? OF COURSE!

- ***You will hear*** a remarkable story from Ghana's Emmanuel Ofori Yeboah on his life growing up with a disability in a developing country, and his work to raise awareness about disability across the world.
- ***You will learn*** practical information on a range of disability-related issues.
- ***You will gain ideas*** on ways to start or build upon ministry goals on including people with disability.
- ***You will have opportunities to visit*** with a variety of conference-related vendors.
- ***You will connect with others*** with like-minded interests and concerns.
- ***You will receive*** a conference packet, and refreshments during the event.
- ***You will leave fortified*** with new ideas, helpful information, and up-to-date resources on an assortment of topics.

Read more about the conference offerings and **complete** the easy on-line registration form today!

We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting event!

- *The Access Ministries Conference Planning Team*

Conference Schedule

All conference events and activities will be held at Northland-A Church Distributed,
in the Worship Center at 530 Dog Track Road, Longwood, FL.

Friday, January 22nd, 2010

5:00 PM Registration and Exhibits Open
6:30 PM Opening General Session

Keynote Address: Emmanuel Yeboah
Ghanaian Disability Rights Activist
Winner, Most Inspirational Athlete of the Year (2003, Challenged
Athlete Foundation)
Arthur Ashe Courage Award (2005)

8:00 PM Workshops – Session 1
9:00 PM Adjournment for the Evening

Saturday, January 23rd, 2010

8:00 AM Registration and Exhibits open; Express continental breakfast
9:00 AM Opening General Session

Keynote Address: Dr. Joel C. Hunter, Senior Pastor
Northland Church, Longwood, Florida

10:15 AM Workshops – Session 2
11:30 AM Workshops – Session 3
12:30 PM Lunch
1:30 PM Workshop Seminars
3:30 PM Conference Adjournment
5:00 PM - Saturday evening services at Northland Church – Pastor Joel Hunter
6:15 PM (We encourage you to stay and attend the services at Northland Church, as the
conference will be highlighted during this church service.)

Emmanuel Yeboah

On May 5, 1977, in Ghana, West Africa, Emmanuel Ofori Yeboah was both born – and abandoned.

Upon learning of his son's severely disabled right leg, Emmanuel's father walked out on his family in disgrace. His mother was advised to let her son die. However, Emmanuel was destined to be special.

His mother, fittingly named Comfort, refused to surrender to the society perception that disabled children are the result of a family curse or transgression; instead, she enrolled him in school and taught young Emmanuel to believe he deserved the same treatment, opportunities and privileges as other Ghanaians.

As a young man, to honor his mother's dying words and to show his countrymen that disability didn't mean inability, Emmanuel pedaled a bike donated by Challenged Athletes Foundation 379 miles around Ghana using only his left leg. Now Emmanuel is able to stand on two feet, due to an operation and a high-tech prosthetic donated by Loma Linda University Orthopedic & Rehabilitation Institute. A year later, he walked into his church in Ghana for the first time in his life.

Now Emmanuel works vigorously to ensure opportunities are available to all physically challenged Ghanaians. From disabled and abandoned infant to human rights activist, Emmanuel is a shining example of what a determined individual and a bicycle can achieve in Africa.

Dr. Joel C. Hunter, Senior Pastor, Northland Church

Dr. Joel C. Hunter has served as Senior Pastor of Northland Church for over 22 years. Started by 11 people in 1972 in the "north land" of Orlando, Northland was recently named one of "America's 50 Most Influential Churches" by Church Growth Today. Under Dr. Hunter's leadership, Northland has grown from a congregation of 200 to a congregation of 12,000.

A longtime bridge builder who seeks common ground for the common good, Dr. Hunter approaches today's issues in a biblical and balanced manner. He has become an internationally known spokesperson for "Compassion Issues" outlined in Scripture: Sanctity of Life, Creation Care, Justice, Poverty, and Marriage and the Family, and has been featured in a variety of national news publications and news programs.

Cooperation and partnership are hallmarks of Dr. Hunter's ministry. Together, he believes, we can accomplish more because of our differences than we would on our own—without giving up our unique identities. A respected leader in the Evangelical community, he serves on the board of the World Evangelical Alliance (420 million constituents) and the National Association of Evangelicals (30 million members).

The church, at large, is missing a way to benefit from differences without compromising our beliefs, Dr. Hunter concludes. "Fear and suspicion of differences limit the church's spiritual maturity. Both spiritual and intellectual maturity, grow from differences. A distributed church uses contrasts to accomplish Kingdom purposes." Recently, Dr. Hunter was appointed to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, which will advise President Barack Obama on substantive policy issues.

Conference Workshops

Please review the workshops descriptions below. You will select the three workshop sessions and one seminar session you would like to attend on the registration form. Although workshops are designated within either the Family/Caregiver Track or the Church/Community Track, you may choose to attend any session in either track. Session choices will be confirmed at the conference.

Friday – Session I

Family/Caregiver Track

Autism and the Family

This is a session for anyone whose life has been touched by autism. Dr. James Coffield will lead an informative and personal discussion regarding the dynamics of family life with autism in the midst. He will also provide strategies for living a positive family life even with the challenges families must navigate through on a daily basis.

*Dr. James Coffield, Professor of Counseling, Reformed Theological Seminary – Oviedo, FL
and Parent of a Child with Autism*

Managing Your Family's Money

The responsibility of ensuring the needs of your children's needs are taken care of once you are no longer able to care for them can be overwhelming. Information changes quickly, this workshop will give current information on how to plan for using Public Assistance like Medicaid and MediaView. Special Needs Trusts are essential to the future of your family member living with special needs. This workshop encompasses many aspects of Special Care Planning including Guardianship.

Jeff Rupp, Founder, Project Wings, Orlando, FL

Locating Resources and Research on Disability

Looking for resources and information on disability issues? Interested in keeping up with the latest research or policy information related to your needs? All this work can be time consuming, but knowledge is power, and this workshop will provide helpful start points. From federal to state, regional to local, agency to non-profit, community to faith-based organizations – learn about the connection of resources across the country and in the community for persons with disabilities and their families.

Linda Starnes, Volunteer Advocate and Parent of Two Children with Disabilities, Longwood, FL

Waiting on You, Lord

Mother and son, Diane and Chris Anderson will share how God has been faithful in their lives. Before age 2, Chris had multiple developmental delays that later would be diagnosed as autism. Join the Andersons for a touching and humorous look at the past twenty years of life with autism, and hear Chris perform the song "While I'm Waiting" by John Waller.

Diane and Christopher Anderson, Great Falls, VA

Friday – Session I (cont.):

Church/Community Track

Setting Up Your Sunday School Classroom for ALL of God's Children

This session covers setting up the appropriate physical and social environment for a Sunday school class, how to effectively plan for a lesson, the potential impact of a Sunday school teacher's language, and how any Sunday school teacher can manage tough behaviors with logical consequences in a Sunday school classroom.

Sheri Halagan, Key Ministry, Chagrin Falls, OH

All in the Family: Practical Strategies for Communicating with Parents of Children with Disabilities

This session covers the unique challenges that parents of kids with disabilities face, and the barriers that prevent them from regularly attending church. Also covered are ideas for positive, proactive communication with parents, effective listening strategies, characteristics of successful church/parent relationships, and even a case study or two!

Katie Wetherbee, M.A., Key Ministry, Chagrin Falls, OH

Including Adults with Disabilities in Worship, Discipleship, and Service

Everyone should be welcomed and included at their chosen place of worship, and able to participate fully in the life of the church. This session provides information and strategies for including adults with disabilities within the body of the church. You will be provided ideas for removing barriers, welcoming all to worship, discipleship programs for adults with intellectual disabilities, and how to weave people with disabilities into the service activities of your church.

Tony Piantine, Director, Camp Daniel, Athlestone, WI

Disability – A Biblical Discussion

In the Bible we are given the responsibility to help carry out His mandate -- that we go and bring persons with disabilities into the body of Christ. This insightful session will lead people with disabilities, their families, and those who work alongside people with disabilities through a look at the theology of disability. The answers aren't always clear, but there is wisdom and comfort within the word of God to help.

*Rev. Mike S. Beates, D. Min., Adjunct Professor, Belhaven College in Orlando, FL
Teacher at the Geneva School, and
Parent of seven children, three of whom have significant disability challenges*

Saturday – Session II:

Family/Caregiver Track

Maintaining a Healthy Marriage in the Midst of Chaos

Every marriage has some type of stress, but for families living the life of disability these stresses can be much higher. The divorce rate among families who deal with disability climbs to nearly 80%. Your marriage can be successful. During this session learn how to adapt positive ways of coping with the challenges of life and to set priorities with your mate.

Rhonette and Jim Hukill, Executive Director, Lift Disability Network, Orlando, FL

Advocacy and You: Learning to Self-Advocate or Advocate for Your Loved One

In almost all aspects of life, persons with disabilities may encounter barriers of one kind or another – architectural/physical barriers, communication barriers, and attitudinal barriers. So how does one navigate life, or help another in that navigation with so many challenges ahead? This workshop will provide practical help in thinking through advocacy across the span of life, and discuss basic strategies to apply when the need for advocacy arises.

Jonathan Giza, Student, Seminole Co. Schools, FL

Jeannie Forthuber, Family Community Liaison, The Toni Jennings Center Exceptional Education Institute at the University of Central Florida

Preparing for Emergency Situations

From hurricanes to tornados to flooding – Florida has them all! Are you and your loved ones prepared for times when disasters strike or emergencies occur? What do you need to have ready and with you at all times? Learn how to prepare and be ready for these and other trying situations.

Nick Wilson, Trained Fire Fighter and Access Ministries Volunteer, Orlando, FL

Shinobu Wilson, Access Ministry Volunteer, Northland Church, Longwood, FL

Healing Power of Humor

A life with disabilities can be challenging, no doubt! But how does God want us to handle our trials? Special needs mother and ministry leader, Barbara Dittrich, Executive Director of Snappin' Ministries examines the Biblical approach to facing life with humor. Be prepared to learn some new habits and reframe your circumstances in a God-honoring way.

Barb Dittrich, Author, Executive Director, Snappin Ministries, Oconomowoc, WI

Saturday – Session II (cont.):

Church/Community Track

That All May Worship: A Ramp is Not Enough

Children and adults with disabilities have enormous gifts and talents to share with their congregations but they do not always feel welcomed and valued. This interactive session will discuss how to identify and remove barriers which prevent people with disabilities from accessing a full life of faith including worship, study, service and leadership. This workshop will be led by Ginny Thornburgh, Director, AAPD Interfaith Initiative, who has spent the last twenty years working in the religion and disability field. She is the mother of an adult son with intellectual and physical disability who is a man of faith.

*Ginny Thornburgh, Director of Interfaith Initiatives,
American Association for People with Disabilities, Washington, D.C.*

Teen Ministry and Service Development for Youth with Disabilities

Youth with disabilities have the potential to develop skills in volunteerism and service, while learning about their faith at the same time. Yet many times youth are overlooked and not empowered to develop and use their gifts, many times due to lack of expectation, training, and opportunities at their schools and/or places of worship. You can change this scenario by using approaches that apply best in working with teens – then you too can develop new opportunities within your congregation and beyond for youth with disabilities.

Sean Mann, Area Director- Bethesda Young Life, Dallas, TX

The Positive Impact of Deaf Ministry

Less than 4% of the deaf attend a religious service on a routine basis. There are a variety of aspects to consider when developing a sustainable deaf ministry -- from working with worship leaders, to building a cadre of capable interpreters, to reaching out to the deaf community, and more. Learn from a local leader in deaf ministry the steps to start this important ministry at your place of worship.

Kathy Campbell, Deaf Ministry Leader, Northland Church, Longwood, FL

Volunteers - No Problem!

In this interactive workshop, learn creative & fun ways to recruit and train up volunteers that will want to stay in your ministry for years to come! Learn the power of relationship and team building within you ministry.

Diane Anderson, Parent, and former Director of Access Ministries, McLean Bible Church, VA

Saturday – Session III:

Family/Caregiver Track

A Father's Perspective

Fathers are placed in a new and different role than they expect when disability enters a family. Children with special needs impact our families in unique ways, bringing new appreciation for each small victory and each special challenge. But unfortunately, statistics are stacked against the success of a marriage when a child with a disability is born, with most ending in divorce. This discussion on "uncommon fathers" will encourage you on keeping your family intact during the joys and trials of daily family life.

Tom Starnes, CEO of Inflexis Inc., MBA and Master's of Biblical Studies, and Father of Two Teenagers with Disabilities, Longwood, FL

Happiness Habits: How to Stay Positive In Times of Stress

A fun and interactive session looking at recent research on happiness and optimism! Participants will have the opportunity to learn about and use various techniques in developing and maintaining a positive outlook, even when times get tough.

Janice Hampton, President, Learning Works, and Managing Partner, Balance for Busy Women.com and Happiness Habits.com, Knoxville, TN

The President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities: An Insider's Perspective

Gain insights on the historic, current and future impact on Presidential agendas for people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities. Ms. Roach has been an integral part of the federal staff for this presidential committee since 1976. This session will provide a unique perspective on a range of issues at the national level.

*Laverdia Taylor Roach, Acting Director
President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities, Washington, D.C.*

Moving Through Grief to Gratefulness

Sharon Spano, a mom who recently lost her son, is committed to helping families understand how to transform loss into graceful purpose. During this session, she will share God's hand in her own grieving process as well as discuss key strategies designed to prepare families for the complexities of major health care decisions.

Sharon Spano, Parent and President and founder, Spano & Company, Inc, Orlando, FL

Saturday – Session III (cont.):

Church/Community Track

Leading with a Limp – Leadership Development for Adults with Disabilities

Who is a leader? What does a leader look like? Everyone has a preconceived idea as to who a leader is, what they look like, and how they should lead. This workshop discusses a biblical model of leadership as it relates to developing people living with disabilities into leaders. Creative solutions will be offered to overcome such hurdles as communication challenges, attitudes, and physical and intellectual barriers often encountered in leadership development.

Laura Lee Wright, Team Leader for Access Ministry, Northland Church, Longwood, FL

Making Sense of Sensory Issues

Many children with Hidden Disabilities have sensory issues that can make church overwhelming and uncomfortable. Participants will learn about sensory integration issues and identify strategies for managing them during church activities.

Katie Wetherbee, M.A, Key Ministry, Chagrin Falls, OH

Sheri Halagan, Key Ministry, Chagrin Falls, OH

Safe and Successful Management for a Sustainable Disability Ministry

Just as thoughtful planning and appropriate management is in place for the development of a successful event, program, or ministry within a congregation, so should it be for a disability ministry. You are encouraged to just get started, or to grow to the next level of activity in including all at your place of worship. And in doing so, you are also encouraged to have management plans in place to build a thriving and sustainable program. Marie Kuck, Executive Director of Nathaniel's Hope, has had the opportunity to interact with a myriad of congregations in just such planning and has many recommendations to share!

Marie Kuck, Executive Director, Nathaniel's Hope, Orlando, FL

Visual Impairment Support in the Congregational Setting

Eight million American's have visual impairments. In this session, learn how to make your place of worship a welcoming place for those who have visual impairments. Useful information will be shared regarding innovative technology helpful to make materials in your place of worship accessible to all.

Sam Thompson, Director, Clearer Vision Ministries, St. Augustine, FL

Saturday Afternoon Seminars – Session IV:

Positive and Proactive Health Care Advocacy within the Medical, Educational, and Community Arenas

When one has a family member with extra health care needs the appointments, medical care information and paperwork pile up! You can help smooth the process with a positive and proactive approach from setting appointments, to dealing with insurance, to ensuring health care needs are met at school and within the community. Just as important is ensuring the path will be paved for the time when you are no longer in charge of the health care of a loved one. Learn from families who have been “in the trenches” for years on how they have addressed these issues and more.

Sharon Spano, Parent and President and founder, Spano & Company, Inc, Orlando, FL

Linda Starnes and Tom Starnes, Parents of Two Teenagers with Disabilities, Longwood FL

Other panel members to be determined

Transitions: Information on Higher Education and Employment for Young People with Disabilities, and How the Church Can Be Involved

This session is appropriate for persons with disabilities, their families, and those from faith-based and community organizations. Several aspects of transition will be discussed from what places of worship can do to support young people with disabilities in their pursuit of education and jobs, to information on higher education possibilities in Florida and beyond, to current employment information. Congregations will be given ideas on how to collaborate with schools, businesses, and community organizations to provide new volunteer and work opportunities for youth and adults. Families will be provided information on college and university programs for those with disabilities. Current updates on employment will be discussed. Come prepared to look ahead and see what opportunities may be on the horizon!

Laura Lee Wright, Team Leader for Access Ministry, Northland Church, Longwood, FL

Ilene Wilkins, CEO, UCP of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

Other panel members to be determined

Partnering with Para-Ministry Organizations – What They Bring to the Table

Para-ministry organizations are here to lend a hand to congregations and the community. You will have the opportunity to learn about three organizations and how they interact with the community to support those with disabilities through their partnering activities. This is your chance to ask how to develop opportunities with them, and to learn best practices in reaching out and collaborating with other organizations in your area.

Doug and Leanne Goddard, Joni and Friends Ministry, Orlando, FL

Sean Mann, Area Director- Bethesda Young Life, Young Life Capernaum, Dallas TX

Marie Kuck, Executive Director, Nathaniel's Hope, Orlando, FL

Tony Piantine, Executive Director, Camp Daniel, Athelstine, WI

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Space is limited – early sign-up is advised!

You may choose to register two different ways:

- Complete the **on-line registration** forms and credit card payment. You will receive confirmation of your registration upon completion of the form and payment submission.
- OR, send the completed registration and payment by check by **regular U.S. mail**. You will receive telephone confirmation of your registration upon receipt of the completed form and payment.
- Attendees must be 16 years or older. Please use one registration form per attendee, and print legibly with a dark pen.
- All completed forms must be submitted with payment to confirm your registration.
- On-site care is available for those with disabilities on a **limited basis** for infants to age 21. A separate on-site care profile form and payment must be submitted with this conference registration. ***NOTE: The on-site care profile form and payment must be sent by U.S. mail.***

Full Name _____
(as you want it to appear on your badge)

Organization _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

ACCOMMODATIONS REQUEST - You must notify us by Friday, January 8th, 2010

_____ Use of service dog

_____ Sign Language Interpreter

_____ Special accommodations with assistance

Please specify your need: _____

LUNCH SELECTION - Lunch is a separate cost if you choose to stay on-site and order a box lunch. **Box lunch is \$6.50** for a sandwich wrap, chips and dessert (provided by Nature's Table). Drinks will also be provided. Otherwise, you may bring a brown bag lunch to eat on-site, or travel a short distance for a fast food purchase.

Yes, I would like to pre-order a box lunch at \$6.50. My choice is noted below:

_____ Turkey Wrap box lunch _____ Ham Wrap box lunch _____ Vegetarian Wrap box lunch

REGISTRATION PRICING/PAYMENT

Early Bird Fee – **On-line submission or postmarked** by Friday, January 8th, 2010 \$ 40.00
(Special accommodation requests and /or on-site care registration must be received by Jan. 8th)

Late Registration Fee – **On-line submission or postmarked** Monday, January 18, 2010 \$ 50.00

Box Lunch \$ _____

TOTAL Conference Registration Fee Due (please total your costs here) \$ _____

PAYMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED with this completed registration form in order to confirm your registration.

You may pay by: Credit card via on-line registration OR Check via mail-in registration,
with check made payable to: Northland Church, and mailed to:

Northland Church
ATTN: Access Ministries
530 Dog Track Road
Longwood, Florida 32750

PAYMENT METHOD:

Check # _____ for \$ _____

OR

Credit card authorization for a payment amount of \$ _____

___ Visa ___ Mastercard ___ American Express ___ Discover

Expiration Date _____

Name as it appears on card: _____

REGISTRATION - SESSION SELECTIONS

Three workshop sessions and one seminar session will be offered during the conference. Please designate below the four sessions you want to attend – a Friday evening workshop, two Saturday morning workshops, and one Saturday afternoon seminar. Feel free to choose sessions in **either** the Family/Caregiver Track or the Church/Community Track.

Full descriptions and presenter information is provided at the “Conference Workshops” page.

Friday Evening Workshop Session I (CHOOSE ONE):

Family/Caregiver Track

- ☐ Autism and the Family
- ☐ Managing Your Family's Money
- ☐ Locating Resources and Research on Disability
- ☐ Waiting on the Lord

Church/Community Track

- ☐ Setting up Your Sunday School Classroom for Success
- ☐ All in the Family: Practical Strategies for Communicating with Parents of Children with Disabilities
- ☐ Including Adults with Disabilities in Worship, Discipleship and Service
- ☐ Disability – A Biblical Discussion

Saturday Morning Workshop Session II (CHOOSE ONE):

Family/Caregiver Track

- ☐ Maintaining a Healthy Marriage in the Midst of Chaos
- ☐ Advocacy and You: Learning to Self-Advocate or to Advocate for Your Loved One
- ☐ Preparing for Emergency Situations
- ☐ The Healing Power of Humor

Church/Community Track

- ☐ That All May Worship: A Ramp is not Enough
- ☐ Teen Ministry and Service Development for Youth with Disabilities
- ☐ The Positive Impact of Deaf Ministry
- ☐ Volunteers - No Problem!

Saturday Morning Workshop Session III (CHOOSE ONE):

Family/Caregiver Track

- ☐ A Father's Perspective
- ☐ Happiness Habits: How to Stay Positive in Times of Stress
- ☐ The President's Committee for People with Disabilities: An Insider's Perspective
- ☐ Moving Through Grief to Gratefulness

Church/Community Track

- ☐ Leading with a Limp: Leadership Development for Adults with Disabilities
- ☐ Making Sense out of Sensory Issues
- ☐ Safe and Successful Management for a Sustainable Disability Ministry
- ☐ Visual Impairment Support in the Congregational Setting

Saturday Afternoon Seminar Session IV (CHOOSE ONE):

Family/Caregiver Track

____ Positive and Proactive Health Care Advocacy within the Medical, Educational and Community Arenas

Church/Community Track

____ Partnering with Para-Ministry Organizations – What They Bring to the Table

Appropriate for Both Tracks/All Participants

____ Transitions: Information on Higher Education and Employment for Young People with Disabilities, and How the Church Can Be Involved

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE INFORMATION

- Attendees are advised to register early to take advantage of the lowest cost for the conference as well as to assure your optimal choice for each workshop session. There will only be limited walk-up conference registration at the cost of **\$60 per person**, on a space-availability basis. **Reminder:** Requests for special accommodations must be made with an advanced registration by January 8th, 2010 -- no special accommodation requests can be met with on-site registration. On-site care profile and payment must be received by January 8th, 2010 as well.
- Please note the conference is for **adults age 16 and above**. Families are important to us, but we are not able to accommodate children or infants during the conference other than those with special needs who are registered for the on-site care services.
- All completed forms must be submitted with payment to confirm your registration – both the conference registration form and payment, as well as the on-site care profile form and payment, if you plan to use this service.
- The conference and on-site care **fees are non-refundable**. Conference fee includes conference materials, light refreshments, access to the conference exhibit area, and free parking.
- For promotional purposes, videos and photographs will be taken during the conference. Your registration constitutes permission for Northland Church to use your picture for promotional purposes only. This consent does not apply to those receiving on-site care during the conference.
- A small block of rooms has been set aside at Hilton Altamonte Springs hotel for conference attendees needing overnight accommodations. Registrants must secure their own hotel reservations and are responsible for any changes or cancellations. Please note all hotel policies when making your reservations. ***Reservations must be made by December 25th, 2009 to receive the special conference rate at the hotel.***

Hilton Altamonte Springs

350 Northlake Blvd., Altamonte Springs, FL

(407) 830-1985 WWW. Hilton.com

Conference Rate: \$84/night, double-occupancy

(Thursday through Saturday evenings only, Jan. 21-23, 2010)

When making reservations, please refer to the “Northland Church Faith and Disability Conference in order to receive the reduced conference rate. Be sure to reserve your room(s) at your earliest convenience, as the conference rate is on a first-come, first-served basis until the block of rooms are filled.

• Further conference or registration questions?

Please call Laura Lee Wright, Access Ministry Team Leader at (407) 937-0549, or email: lauralee.wright@northlandchurch.net

On-Site Care Information and Profile Form

There will be limited spots available for those with special needs, infant to age 21. Sign-up early!

- Cost of on-site care is **\$30.00 per person** for Friday night and Saturday. Payment and profile form for on-site care services must be received with your conference registration to confirm this registration. The care services fee is non-refundable.
- All those attending the on-site care service must have a profile form and medical release on file. ***This profile along with payment, must be returned by January 8, 2010*** – please see the form below.
- Please note - On-site care profile and registration fee must be submitted by U.S. mail.
- ***We want to provide the best care possible for your child so we will not be able to accommodate walk-up care registration!***
- Please provide food and personal care items, change of clothing, and any other items that your child may need. We recommend you label all personal items.
- A medical professional will be available to administer medications and address medical concerns should they arise.

Inquiries regarding the on-site care services should be directed to Laura Lee Wright, Access Team Leader at (407) 937-0549 or e-mail: lauralee.wright@northlandchurch.net

ON-SITE CARE - PROFILE AND RELEASE FORM

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

What type of disability does your child have? _____

Please describe your child: Abilities, activities (s)he enjoys, and any disability-related challenges (s)he deals with:

Does your child take regular medications? Yes / No

Will the medication(s) need to be given while in our care? Yes / No

Medication #1: _____

Dosage: _____ Time Given: _____

Prescribing Physician: _____

Medication #2: _____

Dosage: _____ Time Given: _____

Prescribing Physician: _____

Does your child have seizures? Yes / No If Yes, what type of seizures?

What triggers the seizures?

How often do the seizures occur?

How can we best help your child during a seizure?

Does your child use any of the following?

_____Wheelchair

_____Walker

_____Cane

_____Crutches

_____Hearing Aids

_____Communication Device

Please tell us about challenging behavior(s) your child may have, and how to best work with your child should this occur:

Does your child require one-on-one care? Yes / No

Does your child need assistance with eating? Yes / No

If so, what kind of assistance?

Is your child allergic to anything? Yes / No

If yes, what is the allergy and what is the reaction to the allergy? What steps should be taken if an allergic reaction does occur?

Does your child need assistance with toileting? Yes / No

If yes, please explain

May our volunteers change your child? Yes / No

Is there anything else you would like to share about your child?

- 1. I give permission to the medical personnel selected by Northland Church to administer/initiate medical attention as needed.**

Initials _____

- 2. I give the staff / medical personnel designated by Northland Church permission to administer my child's medication.**

Initials _____

- 3. I give Northland Church permission to use my child's name and/or picture in presentations, media releases, newsletters, and marketing materials solely for the purpose of promoting Northland Church programs and services.**

Initials _____

- 4. I agree to release Northland Church and all staff and volunteers from all liability for any additional illness or injury to my child and for any accidental damage or destruction of my child's property during the provision of respite care services.**

Initials _____

Parent Signature

Date