



PSEC Addiction & Recovery Task Force Report for 2021 PSEC Annual Spring Meeting

Greetings 2021 PSEC Annual Spring Meeting attendees.

The Addiction & Recovery Task Force has been blessed with a consistent member base that is committed to the common goal of sharing the love of God with people suffering from the disease of addiction, affected family members and friends, and providing resources and vital information to community members and professionals.

Over the last several months, the task force has taken on numerous endeavors which have resulted in a broadening of knowledge and increase in awareness and understanding of this deadly disease. Below are highlights of these actions and activities.

- Monthly zoom meetings have been held since September 2020 to facilitate activities and provide opportunities for collaboration with various persons within and outside the conference community.
- Relationship with community resources and programs is ongoing with such groups as SAMHSA, CHHSM, ‘Clergy for a New Drug Policy’, and Drug & Alcohol agencies for various counties.
- A Task Force webpage is being maintained on the PSEC website that includes resources and tools for clergy, parents and general public, as well as essays on personal experience from a variety of backgrounds.
- Weekly submissions are being produced for inclusion in the PSEC newsletter to increase awareness.
- A presentation to introduce the task force members and our mission was provided on Monday February 15th during Reverend Bill Worley’s weekly clergy meeting.
- A Naloxone Project is underway which will provide free kits and training to all of the conference churches. Naloxone (Narcan) is a medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose. This project has been a collective effort by all task force members, spanning across several counties. We believe this effort is crucial in the fight against opioid addiction and prayerfully reducing the number of overdoses each year.

If anyone is interested in supporting this mission or learning more about addiction, please see the PSEC Addiction & Recovery Task Force webpage: <https://psec.org/addiction-and-recovery-task-force/> A task force contact listing is also available on this webpage.

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