



PSEC Addiction & Recovery Taskforce Report for 2021 PSEC Annual Fall Meeting

The Addiction & Recovery Taskforce Mission Statement:

The mission of the PSEC Addiction & Recovery Task Force is to share God's love with people suffering from the destructive disease of addiction and their affected family members and friends.

Our goal is to decrease stigma surrounding addiction by broadening individual knowledge, awareness, and understanding while providing support, resources, and other vital information about this disease to ministers and congregations.

Highlights of actions and activities since the Spring meeting:

- Speaking events have been held at churches to introduce the mission of the taskforce and share personal experiences both in-person and virtually.
 - Our next event will be November 17th at 7pm via Zoom with the St. Peter's Tohickon adult forum group. This event is open to anyone. Zoom information will be provided.
- We continue to broaden our base of resources which includes new opportunities for churches to become further educated on addiction and stigma, to learn safe and healthy community practices, and to introduce discussions that increase awareness.
- The taskforce webpage on the PSEC website is being maintained and will see fresh content within the next month.
- Weekly submissions to the PSEC eNews continue with focused and timely information. Currently we are doing a series on addiction resources.
- The Naloxone (Narcan) Project is nearing its' completion. Free Narcan kits have been procured for every church within the PSEC and training information provided. Churches that have not yet received their kits should expect to have them soon. Narcan is crucial to reversing an opioid overdose and we pray that all churches make these kits available to church members, families, friends and the community as needed.

The taskforce has prayerfully set the goal for year 2022 to explore continuing education and understanding through harm reduction and prevention programs.

The PSEC Addiction & Recovery Taskforce webpage can be found here: <https://psec.org/addiction-and-recovery-task-force/> Our contact information is available on this webpage and we invite you to consider a presentation from the taskforce, either on location at your church or virtually through zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens, Chair of the PSEC Addiction & Recovery Task Force.

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