

Suicide Prevention Conference for Rural Faith Leaders



The **Minnesota Department of Agriculture** and the **Minnesota Department of Health** are sponsoring this free event bringing together rural faith leaders to discuss, learn, and share suicide prevention information and resources. Conference speakers include Deacon Ed Shoener, President of the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers, Scott Roeder, Founder of Jackson Roeder Memorial Fund, Dr. Dan Reidenberg Psy D., Executive Director of Suicide Awareness Voices of Education (SAVE), and Ann Ellison, Director Interfaith Health at M Health Fairview. The conference includes two panel discussions focused on helping faith communities position themselves to be communities of hope, healing, and support. Lunch is included.

Conference Objectives:

- Increase rural faith leaders' understanding about suicide and how they can play a role in suicide prevention.
- Provide high quality information and resources that will help their communities prevent suicide.
- Help faith leaders to provide care and support to those affected by suicide to promote healing and help prevent further suicides.

Who Should Attend?

Rural clergy, spiritual and faith leaders, including chaplains, elders, deacons, sisters, youth pastors, parish nurses, church board members, church staff, and congregational suicide prevention advocates.

When and Where:

September 27, 2022, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Evangelical Free Church Bemidji, MN
September 29, 2022, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Mankato Event Center Mankato, MN

Registration:

[Bemidji, MN Conference for Rural Faith Leaders \(https://www.eventbrite.com/e/suicide-prevention-conference-for-rural-faith-leaders-tickets-377511776887\)](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/suicide-prevention-conference-for-rural-faith-leaders-tickets-377511776887) or contact Stephanie Downey at stephanie.downey@state.mn.us or 218-308-2148

[Mankato, MN Conference for Rural Faith Leaders\(https://www.eventbrite.com/e/suicide-prevention-conference-for-rural-faith-leaders-tickets-377511776887\)](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/suicide-prevention-conference-for-rural-faith-leaders-tickets-377511776887) or contact Melissa Dau at melissa.dau@state.mn.us or 507-344-2747

- Certificates of participation will be provided and CEUs from Minnesota Board of Social Work.
- Individuals with a disability who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event please contact Melissa Dau, Stephanie Downey or the Minnesota Relay Service at 711 as soon as possible.
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