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The 2019 Symposium of Evangelical Lutheranism in Appalachia  
& The Town & Country Church Institute present:

## **THE OPIOID CRISIS SEEKING A FAITHFUL RESPONSE**

Breakout sessions to include:  
Social Ministry, Pastoral Care, & Theology

**United Lutheran Seminary—Gettysburg Campus**  
**November 8-9, 2019**

# The Opioid Crisis: Seeking a Faithful Response

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The Opioid Epidemic is something that touches all of our ministries. This Symposium will offer opportunity to learn about addiction, how to be a pastoral presence for those experiencing addiction and their loved ones. Opportunity for discussion around shared pastoral care and ministry programming planning will help shape ministry with those touched by opioid addiction.



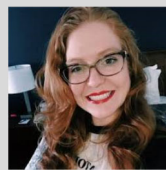
**Jason Whitney** is Program Coordinator and co-founder of the Penn State Collegiate Recovery Community and an assistant teaching professor in the College of Education. Dr. Whitney is faculty advisor of the Penn State CRC's affiliated student organization, Lions For Recovery, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Penn State CRC's alumni interest group, Lions In Recovery. He is a Core Collaborator on the Cohort Study at PSU and is involved in the Penn State Consortium to Combat Substance Abuse (CCSA). He has served on the board of ARHE as Northeast regional representative from 2014-2017, and is co-founder of the National Student Collegiate Recovery Leadership Summit and Recovery Skiathon in Keystone, Colorado. He studies the lived experiences of students in recovery. Jason's own recovery began while he was a student at the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1991. He is a member of Grace Lutheran Church in State College, Pennsylvania. He teaches Sunday school for high school-aged members and is a regular cyclist on Interfaith Power and Light's ride from State College to Washington D.C. to lobby congress for action on climate change.

### Workshop Topics:

Pastoral Care, presenters: Dr. John Largen, Rev. Joel Richter, Dr. Bob Skelly

Social Ministry, presenters: Dr. Patricia Savage, Mrs. Barb Debski

Theological Response, presenters: Dr. Eric Crump, Bishop Matthew Riegel



**Angela Cook** is a recovery advocate and speaker who volunteers on several community based committees such as Cumberland County's Substance Abuse and Prevention Coalition and the West Shore Opioid Task Force, and is the Outreach Coordinator for Medard's House, a faith-based Children's Community Center in New

Cumberland. Most recently, Angela has been overseeing several community-wide rehabilitation efforts by organizing town hall meetings, naloxone trainings, support groups, meeting with lawmakers on local, state, and federal levels, providing education to businesses and churches on stigma and treatment accessibility, and has been at the forefront of West Shore's taskforce and response team. She has organized and assisted in the launch of a pharmacy group's drug task force spanning PA and NY and is often speaking at memorials and funerals of those lost to addiction and suicide/PTSD. Additionally, she leads a marriage ministry, women's empowerment group, and launched and facilitates a Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Support Group in response to the challenges seniors are facing as a result of the current Opioid Crisis. Angela is long term recovery and is grateful to be used to help others find their place in combating the current epidemic and is the recipient of the esteemed Jefferson Award in the greater Harrisburg area.

### Schedule:

#### Friday, November 8

8:30 Registration  
9:00 Keynote with Dr. Whitney  
11:45 Chapel  
12:15 Lunch  
1:30 Workshop 1  
2:30 Workshop 2  
3:30 Workshop 3  
5:00 Reception

#### Saturday, November 9

9:00 Keynote with Ms. Cook  
10:00 Workshop 4  
11:00 Worship

## Event Registration

### Opioid Crisis—November 8-9, 2019 Gettysburg Campus of United Lutheran Seminary

Housing can be found at Federal Pointe Inn (just down the hill from the campus) or the Quality Inn, Gettysburg—Mention United Lutheran Seminary event for reduced cost

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Event Registration cost: \$75.00  
☐ Optional On-Campus lunch Friday: \$10.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Questions can be directed to Deacon Chelle Huth, Director of Lifelong Learning for United Lutheran Seminary—[chuth@uls.edu](mailto:chuth@uls.edu)

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