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Faith Inclusion Network of Dallas (FIND) Offers Free Symposium to Help Faith-Based Communities Weave Inclusion for Those With Special Needs

Dallas, TX – On June 19th and 20th, Faith Inclusion Network of Dallas (FIND) will host the 2014 FIND Symposium, *Weaving Inclusion Into Our Faith Communities*, at Highland Park United Methodist Church. This free symposium will round out the week-long International Summer Institute on Theology and Disability (June 16th-20th) and will speak to the ways in which unmet social, emotional, behavioral, academic and spiritual needs of individuals with disabilities, and their families, can be met by members of our (all) faith-based communities and congregations. Individuals interested in attending this year's *Weaving Inclusion Into Our Faith Communities* Symposium can learn more and register at www.JFSdallas.org.

Weaving Inclusion Into Our Faith Communities is a partner of The Bethesda Institute's 2014 International Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, *Caring Theologically and Thinking Pastorally*, June 16th through June 20th at Highland Park United Methodist Church and the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University (SMU). For more information about *Caring Theologically and Thinking Pastorally*, visit www.bethesdainstitute.org/theology. The Perkins School of Theology at SMU and Highland Park United Methodist Church, both of which partner in supporting the Faith Inclusion Network of Dallas (FIND), are the official Dallas sponsors and hosts of the 2014 Summer Institute on Theology and Disability along with FIND.

A project of Jewish Family Service of Greater Dallas and the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities, the Faith Inclusion Network of Dallas (FIND) is a collaborative network of faith communities motivated by the fact that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families deserve the opportunity to fully engage socially, emotionally, academically and spiritually -- with every opportunity to serve and be served alongside their fellow congregants. For a complete listing of all participating organizations, visit www.JFSdallas.org/inclusion.

Jewish Family Service provides professional, effective and affordable mental health and social services that promote lifelong self-sufficiency and well-being for anyone in need regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or ability to pay.

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