

Parish Nurse & Congregational Health Convocation 2025 Tentative Agenda



Friday, March 28, 2025

- 9–9:30 a.m. Introductions, housekeeping, prayer | Deaconess Christie Hansard
- 9:30–10:30 a.m. **Naomi Ishioka (DHHS) RN MSN NHDP-BC CEN**
MDHHS Nurse Consultant for Stroke and STEMI Care
Title: Churches Can Help: Stroke Prevention and Care for Those in Your Community
Description: Everyone knows somebody who is living with the consequences of a stroke. This talk will review the risk factors for a stroke, and prevention measures that can take to decrease the chances of you personally having a stroke. In addition, we will go over how to recognize a stroke and how to act quickly to get that person the help that they need.
- 10:30–11:30 a.m. **Tammy Lemmer, State Assistant Administrator**
Bureau of Aging, Community Living, and Supports
Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration
Michigan Department of Health & Human Services
Title: Aging Network Overview: Connecting with Resources to Support Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities
Description: Older adults are one of the fastest-growing demographic groups in Michigan and the US. The session will discuss resources that are available for supporting older adults and their caregivers.
- 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Lunch and break on your own
- 12–1 p.m. **Mandy Vergin, MA, L LPC**
New Mercies Counseling Services, LLC
Title: Dealing with Diagnosis
Description: Walking with parishioners grieving a chronic diagnosis. There is a profound grieving process that comes with a chronic health diagnosis for the individual and their loved ones. In this presentation, we will discuss identifying the grief response and tools for walking with them through that grieving process.
- 1 p.m. Close in prayer | Deaconess Christie Hansard