

## **Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADNet) Speakers Bureau** **Updated March 2011**

ADNet offers the following persons as speakers along with suggested topics. These topics have already been prepared, but additional topics are possible. Where a scripture is listed, it is more suitable as a sermon in a worship service; otherwise, as a lecture or workshop event. Hosts are expected to cover travel expenses and extend an additional offering to ADNet. Contact via the toll free voicemail/fax number at 1-877-214-9838, office phone 574-534-2718, or write to [adnet@adnetonline.org](mailto:adnet@adnetonline.org).

- **Introduction to ADNet.** This presentation can be adapted to the time available. ADNet board, staff, and associates located in locations around the country may minimize travel costs to you. (Home locations: Goshen, IN; Auburn, IN; Bluffton, OH; Archbold, OH; Lancaster, PA; Fresno, CA)

### **Christine J. Guth, Program Director**

Home base: Goshen, Indiana. Seminary graduate, author, experience with family issues surrounding autism spectrum conditions and mental health concerns, support group leader.

- **Practice Makes Perfect** (Sermon) Matthew 5:48. When Jesus says “be perfect,” he is not demanding that we hide or deny our human mistakes; he is inviting us to impartial, generous love, as God loves.
- **Surviving Depression** (Sermon or informal storytelling) Psalm 88. Personal stories from multi-generational life experiences of depression, with theological reflection.
- **Confessions of the Gerasene Disciple** (Sermon or informal storytelling) Mark 5:1-20. Dramatic reading; first-person account from perspective of man of the tombs.
- **Indispensable!** (Sermon) 1 Cor 12:22. Those who *seem* weaker are indispensable in the Body of Christ.
- **Setting Boundaries.** (Workshop) When we participate in God’s mission to welcome people on the margins—including people with mental illness and disabilities—healthy boundaries keep us from being overwhelmed by the needs of the world.
- **Mental Illness and Asperger Syndrome in the Community of Faith** (Workshop) Can be presented with both topics in same presentation or separately.
- **Voices in Disabilities Theology** (Lecture/workshop) Overview of contemporary Christian thinking on issues of disability and Christian faith.
- **Ministry with Youth and Young Adults Who Have a Disability or Mental Illness** (workshop or lecture)
- **Mental Health Care Access: How Anabaptists are Responding to a Discriminatory System** (workshop or lecture)
- **Mental Health and Mental Illness: A Vision for Community** (workshop)
- **Living with Asperger Syndrome in the People I Love** (workshop). Insights from 25+ years of family life with a spouse and children on the autism spectrum.
- **A Healing Community in an Overstimulated World.** (workshop). Adaptations for persons who are hypersensitive to various sensory stimuli turn out to be healing for all of us.
- **Scripture and mental illness:** Helpful and unhelpful interpretations. (workshop)

- **Support group ministry.** (workshop) Tips on starting and leading a support group in your congregation.
- **Introduction to the autism spectrum.** (workshop)