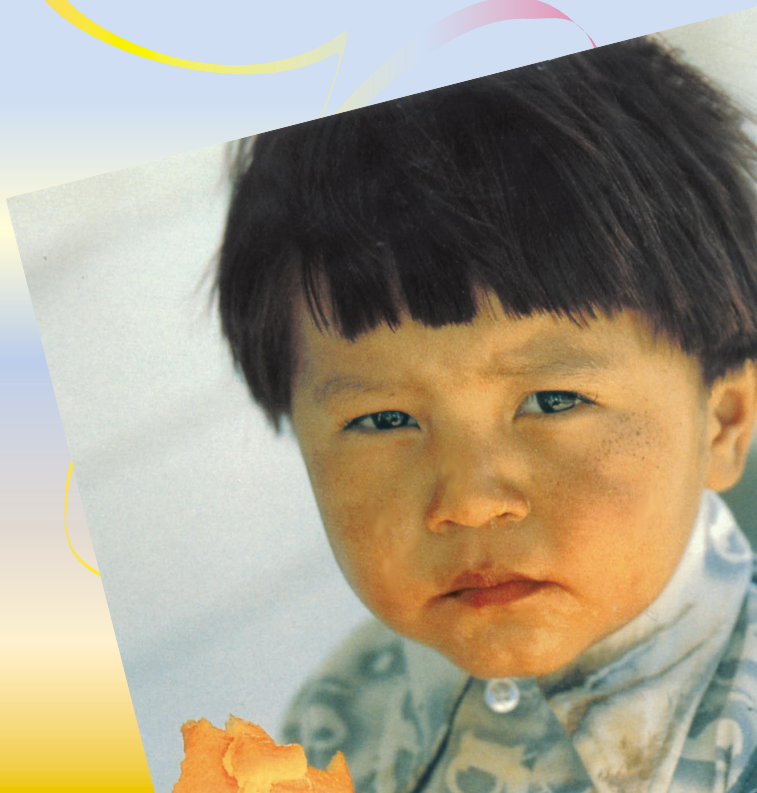


**“Comfort,
O comfort my people,
says your God.”**

Isaiah 40:1 (NRSV)



“We walk in faith with the Christ who stepped over social and religious boundaries and dared to touch and heal the lepers of his day. Like the Prophet Isaiah, we are called to be faithful companions of the Lord by breaking down dividing walls that exile us from each other, and celebrating the gift of community for all people.”

Comfort My People: A Policy Statement
on Serious Mental Illness

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The Presbyterian Serious Mental Illness Network (PSMIN) welcomes those who advocate in the church and greater community for those who have been touched by mental illness. They seek equity, justice, human dignity and full acceptance into the life of the church.

The Florence Iversen Kraft Award

The Florence Iversen Kraft Award goes to a congregation that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in ministry with those who suffer from serious mental illness and their families. This award is announced at each General Assembly of the PC(USA).

Serious Mental Illness Sunday

PSMIN encourages congregations to designate a Sunday that intentionally, through worship and education, lifts up issues of serious mental illness. National health observances are Mental Health Awareness (May) and Serious Mental Illness Awareness Week (first week in October).

Pathway to Promise

Pathways to Promise is an interfaith technical assistance and resource center which offers liturgical and educational materials, program models, and networking information to promote a caring ministry with people with mental illness and their families. PSMIN is represented on the Board of Directors. <http://www.pathways2promise.org>

Education & Advocacy

Members of PSMIN have served on G.A. committees and task forces and advocated in the church and community. They are persons with mental illness, families members, professionals, caregivers who seek to make the Church a place of hospitality and acceptance.



PSMIN is one of the ten Networks of the Presbyterian Health, Education & Welfare Association (PHEWA). Other Networks work in the areas of addictions, church-based community organizing, domestic violence, HIV / AIDS, reproductive health, chaplaincy and pastoral counseling, child advocacy, disabilities, and health ministries and parish nursing. *Visit the web site below to learn more and to become a member of PSMIN and/or other networks.*

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