

"On The Journey"

pregnancy • Infant Loss Infertility • Adoption

The Missing GRACE Organization,

an international parent bereavement support organization, is proud to announce the 2nd annual GRACE Conference "On The Journey: Pregnancy, Infant Loss, Infertility and Adoption" to be held in Minneapolis, MN at the First Covenant Church on March 26 and 27, 2004. The conference is unique in that it offers training and support for both medical professionals and bereaved parents as well as offering sibling-loss support.

This year's conference offers "A Place for GRACE - A place for people to Grieve, Restore, Arise, Commemorate and Educate." On **FRIDAY** evening, we will honor the lives of babies who have died with a symbolic candle lighting ceremony and address the tender hearts of couples experience infertility. The evening includes music, drama, dance and a powerful message delivered by Sherokee Ilse. On **SATURDAY** attendees will be able to select from 17 different classes during the four breakout sessions and will have the opportunity to gather resources and support from the multitude of exhibitors. Medical professionals and full-time students will benefit by participating in our **medical track** with CEU-designed courses.

The GRACE Kids Program is a journey of support, learning, crafts, games, music, snacks and rest time. Created by bereaved parents, licensed educators and grief counselors, the program will include aspects that specifically address youth bereavement for those who have lost a sibling.



Jason Collins, MD., OB/GYN
The Pregnancy Institute, Inc., is a non-profit organization created to study normal pregnancies. It is designed to promote the likelihood of healthier pregnancies resulting in well monitored, full-term live births. Dr. Collins started this institute and has devoted more than 20 years to the research of stillbirth. www.preginst.com



Rev. John and Sylvia Van Regenmorter, Directors of Stepping Stones
Rev. John Van Regenmorter and his wife, Sylvia, are co-editors of Stepping Stones newsletter and co-authors of two books, "Dear God, Why Can't We Have a Baby?" and "When the Cradle is Empty: Answering Tough Questions About Infertility." They experienced ten years of infertility and adopted two children through Bethany Christian Services. www.bethany.org/step



Sherokee Ilse
Bereaved parent, international speaker, author of "Empty Arms" and many other books. Mission: To help improve the care families receive before and after the death of their child or loved one of any age. www.wintergreenpress.com



Richard K. Olsen
Founder and President of The National Stillbirth Society. Father to only daughter, Camille, who was stillborn at 40 weeks gestation. www.stillnomore.org



Candy and Stephen McVicar
Parents to Grace McVicar, their only child who was stillborn December 20, 2001. Candy is the Founder and Executive Director of The Missing GRACE Organization which serves to provide support and resources to parents of stillborns and helps to facilitate awareness and prevention of stillbirth. Mission: To help parents in their journey as they Grieve • Restore • Arise • Commemorate • Educate. www.MissingGRACE.org



Bruce F. Campbell, MD
Dr. Campbell has been in the field of infertility since 1987 and is on staff at the Center for Reproductive Medicine which has a specialty practice focusing on the comprehensive evaluation and treatment of infertility. www.iefminnesota.com

Friday Program: 5:00pm - 9:00pm March 26, 2004

SCHEDULE:

ADULT REGISTRATION 5:00 - 6:00	REFRESHMENTS 5:30 - 9:00	"ON THE JOURNEY" PROGRAM An evening of inspiration, hope and healing 6:00 - 9:00
CHILDCARE REGISTRATION 5:30 - 6:00	SILENT AUCTION OPEN 5:00 - 9:00	

Saturday: 8:30am - 5:30pm March 27, 2004

SCHEDULE:

REGISTRATION (conference / childcare) 8:30 - 9:00	SESSION 1 9:15 - 10:30
SILENT AUCTION 8:30 - 3:00	SESSION 2 10:45 - 12:00
EXHIBITORS OPEN 8:30 - 5:30	LUNCH 12:00 - 1:30
REFRESHMENTS All-day	SESSION 3 1:30 - 2:45
SESSION 1 9:15 - 10:30	SESSION 4 3:00 - 4:15
SESSION 2 10:45 - 12:00	CLOSING CEREMONY 4:30 - 5:15
AWARD AUCTION ITEMS 5:15 - 5:30	GRACE KIDS PICK-UP 5:30

SESSION 1 9:15 - 10:30

A. Marriage Survival On the Journey After Loss.

Communication and understanding are the keys to survival and growth between partners.

Sherokee Ilse

B. A Journey Called Infertility.

Practical issues of dealing with infertility and the resulting emotions.

John and Sylvia Van Regenmorter

C. Victim or Victor: The Path to Recovery.

Change your course from merely reacting to the pain and heartache of loss that can be so disabling, to taking action to making a difference in honor of your child's life.

Richard K. Olsen

D. (MT) Umbilical Cord Accidents (UCA) 2004-Prevention of Stillbirth.

Identify and manage UCA by utilizing fetal heart rate monitoring and advances in ultrasound.

Jason Collins, MD., OB/GYN

(MT) = Medical Track

SESSION 2 10:45-12:00

A. Ask the Dr.

Q & A time for couples who have lost a baby. (This is a more intimate and personal session. Fifty maximum attendees).

Jason Collins, MD., OB/GYN

B. Where is God in the Journey?

Questions Christians ask in dealing with infertility, loss, guilt, medical technology. Addressing faith in the midst of anger, fear and disappointment.

John and Sylvia Van Regenmorter

C. Adoptions so Many Options...How Do I Start the Journey?

Five Minnesota adoption agencies present their resources and give practical information for starting the adoption process. Q & A to follow.

John and Sylvia Van Regenmorter

D. (MT) Compassionate Caring.

How medical caregivers can treat patients and families with GRACE after their pregnancy loss or infertility experiences.

Sherokee Ilse & Candy McVicar

SESSION 3 1:30 - 2:45

A. Subsequent Pregnancy: Moving from Fear to Hope.

Daring to love another baby again and balancing grief while preparing for new life. A panel of moms share their subsequent pregnancy story.

Sherokee Ilse

B. The Journey with a "Y" in the Road.

Choosing to turn onto a new path. Giving consideration to building a family through adoption. Providing an opportunity to assess your readiness to adopt.

John and Sylvia Van Regenmorter

C. A Place for GRACE.

Life on the journey after loss as we Grieve, Restore, Arise, Commemorate, Educate. Panel of bereaved parents will share their personal journeys.

Candy & Stephen McVicar

D. (MT) Management of Silent Pregnancy Risk.

Evaluating clinical signs of risks to intrauterine life, including the observation of fetal behavior over time and maternal changes.

Jason Collins, MD., OB/GYN

SESSION 4 3:00 - 4:15

A. Ask the Dr.

Q & A time for couples who have lost a baby. (This is a more intimate and personal session. Fifty maximum attendees).

Jason Collins, MD., OB/GYN

B. Choosing to End One Journey and Start Another.

Considering alternative ways to build a family or deciding to live child-free.

John and Sylvia Van Regenmorter

C. Let's Head to the Legislature.

Would you like your state to recognize stillbirth? Find out how easy it is and how you can be a part of the solution to fight stillbirth.

Richard K. Olson

D. The Natural Path: Taking Alternative Routes.

Nutritionist provides holistic ways to address infertility, depression, anxiety and stress.

Mark Norman

E. (MT) Infertility 101.

Latest technologies and treatment options available, how they work, and what their effects are.

Bruce F. Campbell, MD

2 Registration Options

1. **ONLINE:** www.MissingGRACE.org
Credit card payments are accepted online and can be made through PayPal at www.paypal.com. Click on "Send Money," set up account and enter mcvicar@minter.net as the recipient.

2. **MAIL TO:** The Missing GRACE Organization
P.O. Box 1625
Maple Grove, MN 55311-6625

Please make check or money order payable to: The Missing GRACE Organization

I WANT TO JOIN THE MISSING GRACE ORGANIZATION AND SAVE ON MY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE.

(Missing GRACE members receive \$15 off registration). Annual membership is \$40.00 and includes: quarterly newsletter, email updates, discount on registration fee for the conference, GRACE Tote bag filled with bereavement, infertility and adoption resources.

I want to receive the newsletter: online by mail

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- I want to attend but need scholarship assistance.
- I want to sponsor an individual or family. Please note amount \$ _____
- I would like to participate as a volunteer before and/or at the conference March 26 - 27, 2004.

- Registration fee includes: breakout sessions, entrance to exhibition area & light refreshments.
- Walk-ins will be accepted, but lunch will not be guaranteed.

Cancellation Policy: Registration fees can be refunded with a written cancellation received by March 20th. No refunds will be issued after March 20th. Administrative fee of \$10.00 will be assessed.

Please list the letter of the class you wish to attend each session. Indicate your 1st and 2nd choices. Assignments are made in the order received. You will be notified of your sessions at registration.

SESSION 1 (A-D) _____ 1st _____ 2nd Choice
SESSION 2 (A-D) _____ 1st _____ 2nd Choice
SESSION 3 (A-D) _____ 1st _____ 2nd Choice
SESSION 4 (A-E) _____ 1st _____ 2nd Choice

Name(s) & Credentials _____

(Please type or print these exactly as you wish them to appear on your nametag.)

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Day () _____ Eve () _____

Email _____

How did you hear about the Conference? Support Group Dr's office Website Radio T.V. Other (please specify) _____

Optional: Please check all that apply. This helps to recognize the needs of our attendees: Subsequent Pregnancy Infant Loss Infertility Adoption Dr. RN LPN Midwife Clergy Student
List name(s) of your baby(s) and dates of birth/death. _____

Registrations received by March 20th with baby names included will be displayed on our GRACE Commemoration banner at the conference.

ATTENDEE	EarlyRate	Reg Rate	EarlyRate	Reg Rate	EarlyRate	Reg Rate	Box Lunch (optional)	Early Rate postmarked by 3/15/04	Reg Rate after 3/15/04
		Fri. Mar. 26		Sat. Mar. 27		Fri. and Sat. Mar. 26-27			
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$20	\$22	\$45	\$50	\$60	\$66	+ \$10.95 =		
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple	\$30	\$33	\$65	\$72	\$90	\$99	+ \$10.95 =		
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional (MT)			\$65	\$72	\$85	\$94	+ \$10.95 =		
<input type="checkbox"/> Student (full-time) include copy of student I.D.			\$50	\$55	\$65	\$72	+ \$10.95 =		
<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship							+ \$10.95 =		

*Please Choose Qty: (Large Croissant Sandwich) _____ Turkey _____ Roast Beef _____ Ham _____ Oriental Chicken Salad _____ Vegetarian Wrap (All lunches include choice of fresh fruit, soup, chips, dessert & beverage)

GRACE Kids	Fri. Mar. 26	Sat. Mar. 27	Box Lunch
<input type="checkbox"/> Ages 6wks - 5yrs	\$15	\$35	+ \$ 6.95 =
<input type="checkbox"/> Ages 6 - 14 yrs	not available	\$25	+ \$ 6.95 =
<input type="checkbox"/> Family of 3 or more	not available	\$65	+ \$ 6.95 =

*Please Choose Qty: _____ Peanut Butter & Jelly _____ Cheese Pizza _____ Beef Hot Dog (All lunches include choice of fresh fruit, chips, dessert & beverage). All snacks and beverages provided at no extra charge on Saturday for both adults and children.

Name of children attending _____

Note: Attach additional information for any special needs.

Members SAVE \$15
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

The GRACE Conference Minneapolis, MN March 26 - 27, 2004

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Directions

First Covenant Church
810 S. 7th St., Mpls., MN 55415
www.1stcov.org

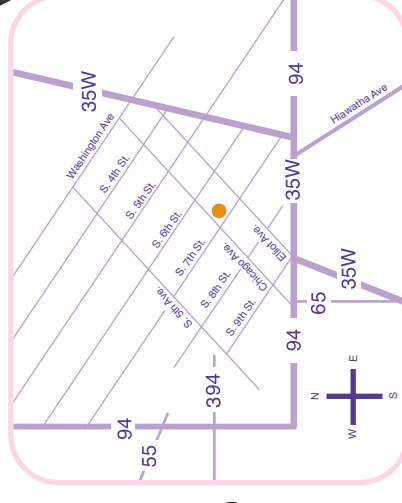
From the north (I-94) As you approach downtown Mpls., take the 4th St. exit. Proceed down 4th St. to Chicago Ave. Turn right on Chicago Ave. Go 2.5 blocks and turn left into the church parking lot.

From the north (I-35W) As you approach downtown Mpls., take the Washington Ave. exit. Turn right onto Washington Ave. and proceed to Chicago Ave. Turn left onto Chicago Ave. Go 4.5 blocks and turn left into the church parking lot.

From St. Paul (I-94) As you approach downtown Mpls., take the 5th St. exit. Proceed down 5th St. to Chicago Ave. Turn left onto Chicago Ave. Go 1.5 blocks and turn left into the church parking lot.

From the south (I-35W) As you approach downtown Mpls., follow the "Downtown Exits." Take the 5th Ave. exit. Proceed down 5th Ave. to 8th St. Turn right onto 8th St. and go 3 blocks to Chicago Ave. Turn left, go 1.5 blocks and turn right into the church parking lot.

From the west (I-394) As you approach downtown Mpls., stay to the left and follow the Downtown or 6th St. exit signs. Take the 6th St. exit. Proceed down 6th St. through downtown. Turn right onto Chicago Ave. Go .5 block and turn left into the church parking lot.



Hotel Reservations

Blocks of rooms at discounted rates have been reserved for GRACE conference attendees at the following hotels:

- DOUBLETREE HOTEL** \$55, 1-4 person occupancy, complimentary continental breakfast & shuttle to conference, \$8 parking. (815) 673-3922
- MILLENNIUM HOTEL** \$59, 1-4 person occupancy, \$6 parking. (866) 866-8086
- CROWNE PLAZA NORTSTAR** \$69, 1-2 person occupancy, \$7.50 parking. (800) 556-7827

To reserve your room, please call the hotel directly by the reservation cut off date of **March 15, 2004**. Reservations received after this date will be accepted on a space available basis and the discounted rate is not guaranteed. Rates do not include the current 13% state and local occupancy sales tax. Each hotel offers Airport shuttle - \$13 one way. Hotels are conveniently located next to conference in downtown Minneapolis.



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Grace Kids Program

The GRACE Kids program is a journey of support, learning, crafts, games, music, snacks, and rest time. Preregistration is required and must be received by March 20th. Space is limited to first 175 children, so please register early.

The Program for ages 6-11 years is held at North Central University www.northcentral.edu, located three blocks from the conference. All other ages will be on site at First Covenant Church. Please note on your registration form all allergies, food restrictions, or medical conditions. You may provide your own bag lunch for children or purchase a lunch for \$6.95.

Silent Auction

Items donated include: vacation packages, hotel nights, infertility diagnostic testing, food and beverage certificates, and spa services. Bidding begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday the 26th and ends at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday the 27th. Auction items awarded at 5:15 p.m. Saturday the 27th. All proceeds from the silent auction directly benefit the Missing GRACE Organization and its programs. Bidding is open to everyone including Missing GRACE members, volunteers, speakers and exhibitors.

Medical Track (MT)

Learn from experts with more than 50 years of combined experience in bereavement care, fetal loss prevention, and infertility treatment. **Classes designed for 4.5 CEU credit hours.**

Special Music, Dance & Drama

Highly talented and inspiring artists will make this an event to remember.

- Music by Dan and Sandy Adler with Heart of the City Ministries.
- Original dance compilations performed by Betsy and Corey Mills.
- Two original drama pieces have been created for this event and will be performed by Kirsten Frantich and Clint Allen. They perform nationally on stage, in film and on television.



Resource Tables

Thirty organizations will participate in the conference by providing valuable resources and information for attendees. Opportunities will be provided to visit with each of the exhibitors at their tables between sessions and during the lunch break. Exhibitors include: adoption agencies, bereavement support groups, health care specialty providers, and related topic book stores.