**Luncheon Roundtable Discussions**

If you would like to invite people to another Luncheon Discussion on Wednesday or Thursday, give your name and topic to David Morstad or Bill Gaventa. Use registration desk materials to make your own sign. We will announce the topics each day.

**Monday, May 23**

Gather with others from your faith tradition, if you wish. Not required.

**Tuesday, May 24**

No Roundtable Discussions: Friendship House Lunch on the lawn of Western Theological Seminary.

**Wednesday, May 25**

**Representatives of denominational disability advocacy ministries:** ***Christine Guth***

An opportunity for people involved in the ministry of disability advocacy at the denominational level to meet each other and collaborate. Participants in the “COD Faith Inclusion” listserv (interfaithinclusion@googlegroups.com) are especially welcome.

**Our mission: to provide a living and working environment that reflects the love of Christ in action: *Lida Merrill***

Discussion of how Heritage Christian Services, a provider agency, created and sustains a culture that empowers employees to support the spiritual/religious expressions and explorations of the people who choose to use our services.

**Abundant Humility: The Experiences of a Physician – Priest – Parent with an Autistic Child: *Mary Dell***

Parents and caregivers of individuals with autism and developmental disabilities navigate many experiences, crises, challenges and even the greatest of joys as they care for their loved ones and participate in their growth and development. This begins at birth and continues well beyond the ages typical offspring require daily parental supervision and oversight. A variety of medical professionals, educators, therapists, and other professionals are encountered along the way, both helpful and not-so-helpful. Finances are affected, and relationships with other children, other family members, and friends are affected in ways both predictable and unforeseen. Faith communities may respond in ways that can be helpful, or hurtful and exclusive.

**Thursday, May 26**

**Better Together: Practical ideas for making worship participatory and inclusive for all:**

***Cindy Merten***

Share ideas to adapt your worship services so they are easier for all to access. Using simple sign language, musical instruments, echoing prayers, and new or familiar rituals to engage the whole congregation, we seek to provide opportunities for all to participate in leadership. Come and share your ideas!

**Insight & Approaches to Establishing Religion (Christian, Jewish, etc.) Specific Residences in a Secular Agency: *Frank Fabiano***

Most people have the privilege of living in a home where other members of their family attend worship with them, decorate the home with spiritual reminders of their faith and encourage them spiritually. Often, individuals living in state-funded residences do not have this privilege. Would living in a Religion Specific IRA strengthen the faith of these individuals and how could this happen in state-funded agencies? Come join the discussion.

**The President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities D): A Member’s Perspective:  *Zach Holler***

 Zach Holler is a seminary student at United Theological Seminary and a member of the President’s Committee. If you would like to find out more about the work of that committee and his experience in serving, join him for lunch.