

## Agenda:

### Exploratory Call on Networking Amongst Faith Groups who Resource Congregations on Disability

**Welcome:** (1 min.)

Bill Gaventa, Moderator

**Brief Introductions:** (10 min)

Short verbal introduction, with more information about you and your organization in the Chat

**History and Purpose of the Call:** (5 minutes each)

Paul Leichy: A brief history of CAN, Inc. with focus on vision of cross organizational networking, and planning for transition.

Kathy Dickson: Institute as one arena where there has been networking and sharing across a broad spectrum of Christian organizations and perspectives, as well as other faiths.

Bill Gaventa: Recent conversations with the Collaborative on Faith and Disability, the Institute, and the AAIDD Religion and Spirituality Interest Network, noting both different and overlapping areas of work and mission, and the limited resources that might encourage collaboration. Recognition that there are multiple contact points focused on resourcing congregations: denominational, national parachurch networks, regional.

**Questions to Paul, Kathy, or Bill about the background of this call.**

### Questions for General Discussion

Question #1: (30 min) Is there a felt need or vision for a Christian hub for networking and sharing by or for denominations and other parachurch ministries whose primary mission involves resourcing congregations (and people working with congregations) as well as working with wider Christian faith structures (e.g., denominations, alliances, etc.) whose focus is on church ministry as a whole? Other ideas for its mission?

What would be the benefits? What would be the problems?

Question #2: (10m) If there is, how would you like to explore this further, including the option of whether CAN could serve as a foundation on which to build?

Question #3: (10m) Who needs to be involved or would like to work on the development of a vision and proposal/path to that vision?

**What's next?** Summarize any general consensus.  
Thank You for Participating!!  
A written summary of the call will be forthcoming.