

AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2021

Planning and reporting on Interest Network activities designed to fulfil their purpose.
(See the *Interest Networks Leadership Manual* for the purpose of the Interest Networks.)

Interest Network: Religion and Spirituality Interest Network
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Annual Report <i>For the year that just ended (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used.</i>
<u>Website Objective:</u> Update the website to provide information and resources as well as promote the events and activities of the interest network. <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ The website was updated with our new logo and color scheme, new pages were added about our current events, and content was updated throughout.• Funds used: \$0 for 2021-2022. The expenses are \$20/year domain registration for aaiddreligion.org, \$60/year for hosting. The funds were previously donated, but we will begin paying these expenses via AAIDD using our interest network funds beginning January 2022.
<u>Webinar Objective:</u> Collaborate with other interest networks and organizations to host webinars about the inclusion of people with disabilities in faith communities. <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Co-hosted a 4-part webinar series about black lives with IDD and their faith communities with the Institute on Community Integration, University of Minnesota (see https://aaiddreligion.org/series/).
<u>Online Education Objective:</u> Explore options to educate direct support providers using online modules about the inclusion of people with disabilities in faith communities. <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Held discussions with the steering committee and currently discussing options with the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP) to develop an E-Badge about disability and faith.
<u>Award Objective:</u> Present the Henri Nouwen Award at the AAIDD Conference. <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Presented the Religion and Spirituality Leadership Award at the AAIDD Annual Meeting.✓ Presented the Student Scholarship at the AAIDD Annual Meeting.
<u>Increase Involvement Objective:</u> Identify and employ strategies to increase the involvement of AAIDD members in the activities of the Interest Network. <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Created and launched the 2021 Religion and Spirituality Engagement Survey.✓ Hosted the Religion and Spirituality Forum at the AAIDD Annual meeting.
Annual Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies <i>For the coming year (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds.</i>
<u>Monthly Meetings:</u> We will hold a steering committee meeting and send an invitation with the agenda to the entire interest network every month.
<u>Supporting Spirituality E-Badge:</u> We will develop an E-Badge for direct support professionals in collaboration with the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP) that focuses on supporting people with IDD in their spirituality.

Due July 23, 2021

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Website Updates: We will update our website, aaiddreligion.org, to promote our events and provide information about faith and disability.

- The expenses include \$20/year domain registration and \$60/year for hosting.

Webinars: We will co-host webinars, individually or in a series, about including people with IDD in a variety of faith traditions.

Religion and Spirituality Leadership Award: We will continue our conversations to determine the title, description, and criteria for our award by December 2021 in order to send out the call for nominations for the award in 2022.

- The award was previously named the Henri Nouwen Leadership Award. The steering committee and an advisory committee discussed changes to the criteria and name in 2020-2021. They decided to continue the conversation and use the title Religion and Spirituality Leadership Award in the interim.
- The steering committee will also decide on the expenses for the award. In the past, expenses have included the physical award, travel, and dinner.

Annual Meeting Events: We will host events at the 2022 AAIDD Annual Meeting, including the Religion and Spirituality Forum, Business Meeting, Lunch Meeting, and Dinner.