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Dear Past Sponsor,

On behalf of the Interfaith Mental Health Coalition, an organization that connects faith leaders with mental health resources, **I would like to invite you to sponsor our conference on September 19, 2018 entitled: Creating Safe Spaces: Presenting Models for Mental Health Support Groups in Faith Communities.** The event will focus on providing faith leaders and other partners the practical resources and programs needed to address the mental health needs faith communities encounter.

The last major event sponsored by Pathways to Promise and the Interfaith Mental Health Coalition, "Celebrating Hope: Promoting Mental Wellness and Resiliency" in September 2016, had over 120 people attend from different faith communities, health and mental health agencies, advocacy and consumer organizations, different regional or national judicatories, and a variety of seminaries, universities, school systems, and governmental organizations. It had clergy, lay leaders and volunteers, mental health professionals, advocates and consumers/ PEERs/CRSSs, administrators or agency staff, and a number of university faculty and students.

The conference will have Amy Simpson as the keynote speaker. She is an award-winning writer and the author of numerous books including: *Troubled Minds: Mental Illness and the Church's mission*; *Anxious: Choosing Faith in a world of Worry*, and *Blessed are the Unsatisfied*. She is also a Life and Leadership coach. Various faith communities will present their Mental Health support group models and how they were able to go from planning to implementation. These presenters will discuss the materials used for their support groups

There will also be a panel discussion with faith leaders about the Mental Health support groups in their congregations

We are enclosing a Sponsorship Exhibitor Form and ask you to consider supporting this conference and the work of the faith communities in addressing

mental health needs. Together we can provide hope and healing to those who need it most.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jolene Le Roy".

Jolene Leroy
President, Interfaith Mental Health
Coalition