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Hello,

My name is Jolene LeRoy, RN, the Faith Community Nurse at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Aurora through the Faith Community Nurse program at Presence Mercy Medical Center.

I am involved in an organization called Interfaith Mental Health Coalition (IMHC) which is a coalition of mental health service providers, public officials, faith leaders and advocates in the suburban Chicago and collar counties working to increase support for persons coping with mental illness and their families.

The IMHC goals are to partner with faith communities to raise awareness of and reduce the stigma of mental illness and improve access to services for those with mental health needs in the community.

In order to achieve the goals listed above, the IMHC is inviting faith communities to join together in identified areas to form a "cluster" that would meet for education on mental health topics, sharing of resources and mental health trainings and helping a faith community develop a mental health ministry or committee.

I am the contact person for the Aurora/Naperville cluster. I would like to invite you to send someone (clergy, staff or a member of the faith community) who would represent the mental health concerns or needs of your faith community to attend a meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Life Center Room 114 at 701 S. Eola Road, Aurora, IL.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss adolescent mental health concerns, the formation of the IMHC cluster and purpose for future meetings. To find out more information about the IMHC, check out [www.interfaithmhc.org](http://www.interfaithmhc.org).

Please feel free to contact me at 630-851-3444, extension 403 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com) for questions and to let me know if your faith community will have a representative at the meeting on July 15.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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