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seminar using the DVD based resource, **YOU ARE NOT ALONE**, provided by LCMS World Relief and Human Care at lcms.worldrelief@lcms.org, or at 800.248.1930, extension 1380. Pastors and other church workers can use this excellent resource in their circuit or regional meetings as discussion topics. Congregations can also put up a bulletin board showing resources and local NAMI numbers and community mental health or private clinic numbers during Mental Illness Awareness Week.

The Michigan District Committee on Mental Illness continues to seek ways of providing information and resources for the pastors and congregations of our district. We hope to hold regional meetings once a year to share information and generate ideas that will help congregations minister to families affected by mental illness. We ask for your prayers and continued support as we seek to help congregations reflect the compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ for the mentally ill and their families.

As sinful human beings, God's grace in Jesus

is extended to all believers offering forgiveness and help through Word and Sacrament. Responding to God's love and care we share it with people who are struggling so they can rejoice in His grace and hope we have in Him.

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