



Check out our website at www.diakoniausa.org!



Zoom Classes Forming

Several synods are forming classes using the Zoom online platform! They are open to students from any synod.

Find out more [here](#).



Collaborative on
Faith & Disabilities

Resources for Differently-Abled Ministry

The mission of the Collaborative on Faith and Disability is to support people with disabilities, their families, and those who support them by providing national and international leadership in the areas of research, education, service, and dissemination related to disability, religion, and inclusive supports.

The [Collaborative](#) focuses its work on each of six topic areas:

- 1) Supporting people with disabilities
- 2) Supporting families
- 3) Increasing congregational supports and inclusion
- 4) Training clergy and deepening theological reflection
- 5) Building the capacity of service systems to support spirituality
- 6) Promoting inclusive religious education

Church Social Media = #ChSocM

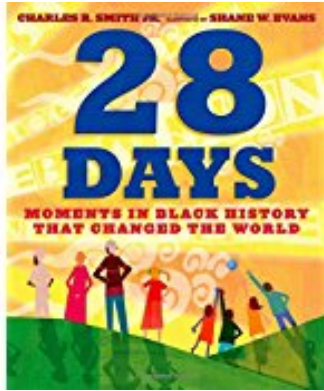
#chsocm is the hashtag to identify content and conversation about church social media. Any one interested in promoting social media to build church and faith is invited to use #chsocm to tag material that will inform, educate, and inspire others.

#chsocm is a Twitter-based chat held each Tuesday at 9:00 PM (Eastern Time). Started in July 2011, this chat provides an opportunity for individuals from all denominations to discuss topics of mutual interest.

Participants include church administrators and communicators; church lay leadership; clergy,

marketing professionals for non-profit organizations and religious publishers; religion educators; seminarians; religion writers; and more.

All are always welcome to participate and to suggest topics for reflection and conversation by sending a tweet/DM to @chsocm. or email [here](#).



Good Reads

Title: 28 Days: Moments in Black History that Changed the World

Authors: Charles R. Smith, Jr.

Each day features a different influential figure in African-American history, from Crispus Attucks, the first man shot in the Boston Massacre, sparking the Revolutionary War, to Madame C. J. Walker, who after years of adversity became the wealthiest black woman in the country, as well as one of the wealthiest black Americans, to Barack Obama, the country's first African-American president.

With powerful illustrations by Shane Evans, this is a completely unique look at the importance and influence of African Americans on the history of this country.

Find it [here](#).

We Need You!

Are you interested in being featured in or submitting a Servant Story for a future issue of TheTool Box? Are you an instructor who would like to share a bit of yourself in "Instructor Focus?" Are you a site coordinator who would like to give us a peak into your program? Do you have observations to share from your a class?

We can all learn from each other's journeys before, during and after the program.

[Email us](#) and tell us your story!



Get Social!

Join our Facebook Group. Click the logo!



We're trying to build our own diakonia [YouTube](#) channel, but we need your help! If you have cool videos from classes, graduations or topics of interest, please [send](#) them our way and we'll upload them. [Subscribe!](#)



[Connect](#) with LinkedIn!