Liturgy for Those Affected by Suicide Timeline

* Select the date for the service at Long Range Liturgical Planning Time
  + Consider September as Suicide Prevention Month
  + Consider All Faithful Departed Day as a day to hold this service.
* Invited speakers 1-2 months in advance
  + This will take time and intentionality. Speakers need to be able to share personal stories and also be in a healthy space to help others walk with them at this time.
* Provide a time after the service for conversation, as Sam Wells says in his article <https://www.christiancentury.org/article/first-person/liturgy-people-affected-suicide> - just listen.

**Supplies for service:**

* Rocks
* Tissues
* Bulletins
* Candle, table, rose

**Find your Mental Health Resources in your community: REACH OUT EARLY to get it posted and learn of resources already in your community**

* National Alliance on Mental Health <https://www.nami.org/>
* American Foundation for Suicide Prevention <https://afsp.org/>
* Reach out to your local mental health institutions
* Reach out to the individuals who have been most affected and other counselors in your area

Reach out to communities who can promote your service:

* Police Department
* City Officials, County Officials, Schools
* Personal invitation always is most effective.
* Grief programs (ours are run through hospice – reach out!)

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