

Dear DBUCC Partner:

DBUCC is beginning an exciting journey in which we as a church family seek to become informed advocates for individuals struggling with mental health challenges.

In doing so we will become part of a national effort by the UCC to choose to become **WISE**. This acronym means we are **Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged** around issues of mental illness.

How we do this is up to us. We will decide what our own WISE journey will look like, in unique and personal ways that are right for our congregation and surrounding community.

This is where YOU come in. Your input is vital to our getting this right. This must be a process that serves ALL of us right where we are, including the good, the bad, the ugly!

We have created an anonymous survey you are invited to take.

It is a living, evolving document. We realize that what is true now may not be true or necessary six months from now, but this gives us a place to start. Also, we are a small church already immersed in many vital ministries, and our ability to tackle all the needs revealed in this survey is likely to be beyond our capacity, at least in the short-term. But just because the task is overwhelming, we have NEVER shied away from moving into the places of pain, heartache, and need, and we're not about to start now!

A couple more thoughts: If the categories given do not fit your needs, please give us your own thoughts in the spaces provided. This is meant to be truly a reflection of your own perception of the mental health challenges we face. Do not try to fit your ideas into statements that don't work for you.

You may answer according to your own personal need as well as what you perceive to be the needs of the congregation based on your experience with it.

With each checkmark or contribution, you make, we ask that you rate it in importance against the other needs you have checked. This will help us determine priorities.

Thank you for taking this survey.

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