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Expert on 'Moral Injury' to speak at First Christian Church May 13-14, 2016

MINNEAPOLIS, MN, April 5, 2016 — First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Minneapolis will host the Rev. Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock, an internationally recognized expert on the emerging study of moral injury, Friday, May 13 & Saturday, May 14th as part of its inaugural conference series *Voices: Addressing Issues That Affect the Church and Wider Community*. Information about the conference can be found at fccminneapolis.org/voices.

What does it mean to have a "soul wound?" *Moral injury* is a relatively new term, and defines *a profound change in or betrayal of one's sense of right or wrong*. What is our part in creating space for healing? How can these injuries that have shown up in the worlds of mental health and spiritual care be repaired? Rev. Dr. Brock, co-founder and Director of the Soul Repair Center at Brite Divinity School in Ft. Worth, Texas, is taking the lead in bridging these worlds. She describes moral injury as "a complex wound of the soul," resulting from empathy and self-reflection on values in the wake of morally ambiguous, extreme conditions. Brock uses the term "soul repair" as a way to describe the process of recovery from moral injury.

Join us for keynote lectures from Dr. Brock, workshops and panel discussions led by local practitioners who will provide both insight and service resources. Veterans and family members will share stories of trauma and on-going healing. Together this event will benefit each and every attendee with tools and inspiration for transformative work.

Thanks to the generous underwriting of *The Wholeness Fund of FCC Minneapolis*, we are able to offer the entire conference for only \$25 (or \$15 day rate). Be sure to check the registration link for further details. The event will run 6:00-8:30 p.m. on Friday, May 13; and 8:00 am -5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 14.

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