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INTRODUCING

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PASTORAL CARE  
PAMPHLETS

**D**o you know people who suffer in silence because they don't know how to name and deal with their addiction, compulsive behavior, mental disorder, or experience of abuse?

The **Close to Home** series is designed to help Christian caregivers invite others to journey toward wholeness.

### **An integrated path toward healing**

The pamphlets are neither a substitute for therapy, nor the definitive word on the issues. They are bridges toward healing. They use the resources of sound therapy, Christian faith, the Bible, and the caring environment of the church.

### **Addressed to the one seeking help, each pamphlet includes:**

- a story of someone who has moved toward healing
- basic information about the issue
- an explanation of how the Bible and the Christian story address the issue
- encouragement and next steps: who to talk to and what questions to ask.

### **Ways to use the pamphlets:**

- Offer them and discuss them in your pastoral care visits.
- Display them in the church foyer, counseling office, or even a restroom.
- Give them to loved ones of those who suffer, so that they can be informed.
- Distribute them as conversation-starters for adult education or support groups.

## Topics

For release schedule (beginning in summer 2007), updated information, and additional topics, please check the web site given on the back panel, or call the toll-free number.

**ADD/ADHD**

**Alcohol addiction**

**Anxiety disorders**

**Bipolar disease**

**Bullying**

**Child abuse**

**Date rape**

**Dementia/Alzheimers**

**Depression**

**Drugs**

**Eating disorders**

**Internet addiction**

**Marital discord**

**Pornography addiction**

**Self-mutilation**

**Spouse abuse**