

**Here's what attendees said about the
CASACONFERENCE**

*So Help Me God (I): Substance Abuse, Religion and Spirituality
September 22, 2004*

- **"OUTSTANDING!"** *(Robert L. Bruno, Deputy Commissioner, New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, Albany, NY)*
- **"This was my first CASACONFERENCE! It was awesome!! I look forward to attending in the future."** *(Tom Lantieri, Director of Recovery and Faith Based Coalitions, Harford Community Church, Bel Air, MD)*
- **"The panels only get better! A great mix of presenters."** *(Doug LeCheminant, Program Specialist, LDS Family Services, Salt Lake City, UT)*
- **"Most enjoyable day...many useful tools and insights to enrich the therapeutic process."** *(Phyllis Schlossberg, Addictions Counselor/Family Therapist, Western Queens Recovery Services, Forest Hills, NY)*
- **"A great mix of panelists--please do more on the topic of spirituality--you give the topic credence. Thank you!"** *(Francine Schneider, Philadelphia, PA)*
- **"Conference was terrific. The panel discussions allowed for the presentation of many viewpoints allowing me to find nuggets, large and small, to take with me and into my practice."** *(Elizabeth R. McKenna, Executive Director, Success Counseling Services, Inc., Bronx, NY)*
- **"This was a very informative conference. My congratulations to Mr. Califano and his fine staff."** *(Samuel Laury, Director, Mt. Pleasant Drug and Alcohol Ministry, Astor, PA)*
- **"Choice of speakers was excellent. Subject matter [was] closely related to personal research interest areas and quite timely..."** *(Brendolyn Bailey-Burch, Research Associate, Missouri Institute of Mental Health, University of Missouri--Columbia)*
- **"I was impressed by the conference's ability to bring together [those] who think differently about spirituality and religions but who are united in healing addicts."** *(James Gavin, Trustee, New York State Lawyers Assistance Trust, Garden City, NY)*
- **"Overall, the conference was very well managed and...the information presented was useful. I can see myself attending future conferences hosted by CASA."** *(Gilbert Acevedo, Senior Director of Admissions, Phoenix Houses of New York, New York, NY)*

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*So Help Me God (II) Substance Abuse, Religion and Spirituality
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- **“...this CASACONFERENCE was invaluable for us to keep abreast of the ‘state of addiction.’ The research you provide on the value of youth religious practices, brain scans, and potential research projects of the efficacy of spirituality in recovery, are extremely helpful for me both as a pastor and an addiction professional. This has been a wonderfully encouraging day!! Thank you, Mr. Califano, and to all the CASA staff as well.”**
 - John Cox, Pastor, Certified Addiction Professional, The Porch Ministries/Net Training Institute, Orlando, FL
- **“Outstanding, see you next time.”**
 - Alfred Gonzalez, Director, Harvest House, NC
- **“Great conference on a much needed topic with excellent presenters and information. Very well organized.”**
 - Yury Tarnavskij, Friends of Addiction Recovery—New Jersey, Hamilton, NJ
- **“Thank you. I was grateful to be able to attend and learn today.”**
 - Carol Long, CLEM, Holistic Practitioner and Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister, St. Paul the Apostle R.C. Church, R.C. Diocese of Harrisburg, PA; Annville, PA
- **“As always, a very well-managed conference—on time, good amount of time for question and answer. I appreciate the time and effort that went into putting this program together. CASA staff undoubtedly worked extremely hard.”**
 - William Lillis, President, Lillis Prevention Services, Jersey City, NJ
- **“This conference has been a wonderful experience; very inspiring!”**
 - Rev. Joyce Liechenstein, Minister/Associate Director, One Spirit Learning Alliance, Ltd., NYC
- **This conference was outstanding. I am looking forward to attending *Women Under the Influence* in March 2006.”**
 - Donna Mahon, Director of Development, Mountainside Foundation, Caanan, CT
- **“The use of professional journalists made quite a difference in successfully moderating the panels. Good choice.”**
 - Jennifer Lynch, LCSW/CASAC, CUNY College of Staten Island

- **“CASA leadership’s passion is clear.”**
 - The Rev. Karen Brau, Pastor, Amazing Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD
- **“Thank you for your leadership. Great work and overall a wonderful day!”**
 - Steven Z. Hudson, President, Santa Barbara Rescue Mission, Santa Barbara, CA
- **“Great effort to address the issue of substance abuse, religion and spirituality. Please keep it up!! Thank you!**
 - Jean LaCour, Ph.D., President, NET Training Institute, Inc., Orlando, FL
- **“An essential conference that boosted my energy for my clinical work and research. Thank you!”**
 - Chaplain Katherine M. Piderman, Ph.D., Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
- **“This was a conference that gave me such joy and peace to be present [at]. I will encourage my agency to always have a representative attend.”**
 - Addie Hampton, MS, CRC, CASAC, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, NYS Office of Children’s and Family Services, Hempstead, NY
- **“I really enjoyed this conference. Great perspectives in substance abuse prevention and treatment. Great representation of the different religious philosophies—not one-sided—different perspectives in the role of religion and spirituality in substance abuse prevention and treatment.”**
 - Marina Maier, Deputy Director, Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey; Hoboken, NJ
- **“Last year was my first year attending and my eyes were open[ed]. This year was even better. I think we should gather more than one time a year around this subject. Thank you.”**
 - Thomas Lantieri, President, Face-It, Bel Air, MD
- **“Please revisit this topic again! I realize this is the second time you’ve visited this one, but I believe it warrants even more discussion! A great day!”**
 - Kim Friner, Director, Jewish Addiction Services, Baltimore, MD
- **“Excellent conference—please, “Part 3”—we need to continue to be in this process and connect with one another.”**
 - Paul Matwiow, M.Div., CASAC, CGP, Newark School of Theology, NYC
- **“Found this to be a very beneficial exploration of the subject/issue. Look forward to many more!”**
 - Ronald Gompf, LCSW, Associated Psychotherapists, Baltimore, MD