

## PRESENCE TO PARTICIPATION Webinar 1 3 February 2022 Information

**NAME AND TITLE:** *Rev. Mark Stephenson*

**BIO:**

*Mark served as Director of Disability Concerns for the Christian Reformed denomination for over 15 years before his retirement from that ministry at the end of 2021. Before that, he pastored two congregations for 17 years. He and his wife Bev have 5 living children, including their oldest, Nicole, who lives joyfully with severe multiple disabilities.*

**NAME AND TITLE:** *Cara Milne of M-Powered Planning Ltd.*

**BIO:**

*Cara Milne is the owner of M-Powered Planning Ltd, an award-winning business that has been promoting positive and valuable roles for people who are vulnerable for over 18 years. Cara provides training and consulting that is innovative and practical for both agencies and families. Cara's books and training seminars encourage staff and families to see the strengths of their existing services, and simple strategies that create positive changes in the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities. Cara's positive and energetic approach supports both common sense and sustainable change. Cara is the proud author of the popular book *Building Community; Practical ways to build communities for people who are vulnerable* and the book *Noticed, Known and Missed; Strategies to support purpose and connection*. Both books and more information can be found at [www.mpoweredplanning.com](http://www.mpoweredplanning.com)*

**PRESENTATION:**

Title: **No Weaker Parts: Everybody is Indispensable**

**SYNOPSIS:**

*A casual conversation with Mark Stephenson and Cara Milne on supporting faith communities who want to be welcoming communities to all people, with and without disabilities*