

'When Home Hurts' Domestic Violence and Families: The Church Responds

October 9-10, 2020 Friday, 7 PM to 9 PM and Saturday, 9 AM to 12 PM

A Zoom video-conference event Register online to receive access information. Cost: \$10.

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Friday Agenda

Greetings, Remarks and Devotions

Keynote Address: Jody Anderson

Panel Testimonies and Discussion with Survivors

Saturday Agenda: Workshops

9:50 am - 10:50 am*

A. Children in Homes with Domestic Abuse

Leader: Jody Anderson

We will look in depth at children, ages 3-10, in homes where domestic violence is prevalent. And we will consider treatment options and the importance of having a safe place for treatment to occur.

Jody Anderson is a published author, her book entitled Band of Angels was just released in October. Jody received her master's degree from Bryn Mawr College in social work and social justice and received her certificate as a child trauma specialist from University of California Davis Campus. Before her retirement she worked in psychiatric units, and partial hospital programs. She was the clinical director and executive of domestic violence agencies in California and Nevada. She also started a residential program in conjunction with the Veteran's Administration hospital for homeless female veterans who had been sexually assaulted in the military. Jody has one son who lives in San Francisco and has been using her free time to continue her quest for social justice through the church.

B. The Pastor and Domestic Violence

Leader: Rev. Terry Cooney

A look at various forms of violence, their cause, and legal issues involving pastors and churches.

Rev. Terry Cooney is the pastor of Christ UMC Birdsboro. Married for 51 years, he has two children and seven grandchildren. He is also a 30 year employee of Browning Ferris Industries, serving as Vice President and General Manager. He is also a Veteran of the U. S. Army

C. Partners for Accountability and Healing

Leader: Tony Lapp

Drawing on a lively mix of story and case examples from several decades of clinical practice as well as a developing body of research, this workshop will examine the role that faith communities can play in intervening with people who abuse their intimate partners. Among topics to be covered will be identifying abusive behavior, thinking about potential risks to both the victim and to the community at

large, the development of accountability structures, and working in partnership with intervention programs. There will also be opportunity to discuss responses to disclosures of abusive behaviors that minimize risk of harm to partners and children.

Tony Lapp, LCSW, is executive director of Courdea, formerly Menergy, a 36-year-old program for people who have abused an intimate partner. Recipient of the 2014 Powerful Partner Award from Women's Way, Tony is an experienced trainer, educator, writer and therapist. A long-term member and former coordinator of the Domestic Abuse and Battering Intervention Network of Pennsylvania. Tony collaborates with numerous projects in the Philadelphia area related to family violence, including Shared Safety, the Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Committee of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Department of Human Services Domestic Violence Collaborative.

10:55 AM - 11:55 AM

D. An overview of offender treatment: A Christian perspective

Leader: David Rothwell

This workshop will cover:

- Differences between anger management and batterer intervention programs
- Readiness for faith communities to respond to Domestic violence
- Curriculum example and discussion (a video) for Pastoral Counseling

David Rothwell is a Licensed Professional Counselor with extensive experience in the intervention and prevention for offenders of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). He is a clinical supervisor and lead facilitator of Batters Intervention programs at Creative Health Services, He is steeped with knowledge concerning the areas of importance within domestic violence.

David is a member of the Domestic Violence Legal Network (DVLN) of Montgomery County, PA. In conjunction with the women's center David has provided prevention education on working with offenders of IPV. Past presentation includes "How faith communities can support families living with domestic violence". He is also a graduate adjunct professor at Eastern University, Counseling Psychology Department.

E. A Mentor's Toolkit for Domestic Violence

Leader: Joe Henson

The goal of the workshop is to provide those who take on youth mentorship roles with the tools to create a safe space for teens and children who may be living with abuse. I will cover how to create a safe environment, recognize potential abuse, steps that can be taken to aid those who need help and the different intersections i.e. race, religion, immigration status or economic status that may greatly affect the victims of DV.

Joe Henson is a veteran and former semiprofessional and international rugby player who is the current coordinator of the Coaching Boys into Men Program for the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. He is a south eastern PA native who earned his BA in International Relations, Political Science at West Chester University. He is committed to the mission of DVCCCPA as well as to serving underrepresented communities and inspiring young men to embrace healthy masculinity.

F. The Voices of Domestic Violence

Leader: Rev. David Piltz

This workshop will explore stages of domestic violence through the voices of youth as youth act out vignettes that creates a safe space to discuss the disastrous effects of domestic violence. This experientially discussion based workshop is for anyone who wants to gain a deeper appreciation of what occurs in the minds of the abused and the abuser. This will be a time to authentically discuss the dynamics of abuse and how to overcome and move forward with a sense of esteem and hope. This is presented by Rev. David Piltz who is also a Marriage and Family Therapist and members of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries.

Rev. David Piltz is the pastor of Valley Forge UMC and the Eastern Pennsylvania's Conference Youth and Adult Coordinator. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering and a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. In addition, Dave holds certification in game design, is a master practitioner of the MBTI®, and trained in Neurofeedback. He has authored numerous articles on learning, training, game design and co-authored A Guide to Success for Technical Managers: Supervising in Research, Development, and Engineering published by John Wiley.