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The Ministry of Healing
CONFERENCE FOR
CLERGY AND FAITH LEADERS
ON
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ABUSE

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THE MINISTRY OF HEALING: Conference for Clergy on Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse

Domestic violence and sexual abuse cuts across all racial, socio-economic, educational, religious and cultural lines. It occurs in middle and upper class homes, as well as in working class and poor homes. Unfortunately, Christian homes are not exempt. Church leaders need to appropriately address domestic violence and sexual abuse issues on every church level.

In order for pastors, church administrators, and members to effectively deal with these issues, there needs to be an understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence (family violence), its impact on families and on the church. They must also learn how to support and assist families dealing with this crisis, and how to prevent it from destroying our churches and communities.

Women's Healing and Empowerment Network (WHEN) has designed "The Ministry of Healing: Conference for Clergy on Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse" to help pastors, church members, faith-based leaders and ministry leaders address the issues of domestic violence and sexual abuse from a Christian Perspective".

Participants will:

- Receive education and information on domestic violence through presentations and group discussions by experienced and qualified professionals
- Participate in group discussions
- Receive compilation of presenters' handouts, educational materials, handouts, and resource information.
- Receive information on networking and collaboration within the local community
- Be eligible for six (6) contact hours for continuing education credit for pastors.
- Following is a description of the conference, schedule, biographies of presenters, and initial request application to schedule a conference.

About Women's Healing and Empowerment Network

Our History

Women's Healing and Empowerment Network (WHEN) is a faith-based non profit organization founded in 2008 as a response to the growing need to provide education, programs and services to address the issues of domestic violence, sexual abuse and related abuses from the Christian perspective.

Our Mission

WHEN is a non-profit organization that helps to provide healing and empowerment to individuals, families, homes, churches, schools and other organizations through faith-based education, counseling, consultation, healing centers, resources, and other support services in the areas of domestic violence, and sexual abuse.

Our Programs and Services

1. Abuse Prevention Education

Educating individuals, families, pastors, teachers, and the community is the key to prevention of, and long-term recovery from abuse. WHEN has put a heavy emphasis on this very important aspect of our program. Each year we conduct the "Being There Conference" that provides a healing experience for men, women, and young adults who have been abused, are abusive or caregivers for individuals dealing with abuse issues. We also conduct week-end retreats. Other educational programs: Project P.R.O.T.E.C.T. Preventing and Reducing Oppression To End Child Trauma; Y.A.D.D.A., Youth Against Dating and Domestic Abuse and Faith Partners in collaboration with area agencies to provide education, resources and support for faith communities so they can facilitate advocacy, sanctuary and healing for people affected by domestic violence , sexual assault and human trafficking.

2. Frieda's Healing Center

When women find themselves in an abusive situation, where do they go for protection and help? Our healing center wraps them in arms of love and protection, providing professional in-house individual and group counseling, referrals, spiritual support, and other support services.

3. Men Of Compassion

Support for abused and abusive individuals through crisis counseling, education and other support services.

4. Cleone's Closet Food Pantry

Provides free food to the community in Airway Heights, Washington.

5. Empowered DVD Series

Educational programs and interviews featuring individuals who have found hope, healing and empowerment through Jesus Christ.

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Conference Initial Request Form

[Organization Name]

would like to schedule
"The Ministry of Healing: A Conference For Clergy
On Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse".

Date of Conference: _____

Location of Conference: _____

Number of anticipated attendees: _____

Type of Audience: Check as many as apply

- () Church Leaders/Pastors
- () Ministry Leaders
- () Church Members
- () Church Administrators
- () Other

Religious Affiliation: _____

Requested by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please mail completed form to:
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Description:

This conference is designed to address the dynamics of domestic violence: its causes, effects, and prevention. Emphasis will be placed on how ministers, and church leaders, can play significant roles in helping families deal with domestic violence, or direct them to services and programs that provide safety, counseling, education and emotional healing. Presentations and small group interaction will culminate in a "protocol for action" in responding to domestic violence allegations that a pastor and church board may employ when issues of domestic violence arise.

Philosophy:

The mission of Christ is to be the mission of His followers: To "heal the brokenhearted, preach deliverance to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and set at liberty them that are bruised." Luke 4:18. If pastors, ministry leaders, church administrators and members follow the example of Christ they will be instrumental in helping to make their churches and places of worship supportive, nurturing, empowering, healing, and safe environments for individuals in their congregation who are experiencing domestic violence, sexual abuse and related abuse.

Objectives:

- To educate and sensitize pastors and ministry leaders to the prevalence and severity of domestic violence in Christian circles and identify forms and directions of abuse.
- To identify the causes and long-term effects and impact of domestic violence on families, churches and society in general.
- To explore the social, psychological, emotional, cultural, religious, and legal issues of domestic violence in relationship to faith-based organizations
- To help pastors and ministry leaders learn how to respond to victims and perpetrators.
- To increase collaboration and networking between the religious and secular agencies in developing and/or enhancing programs, services, resources, and a community response to eradicate domestic violence and foster healing environments for community members.

Methodology:

- Lectures
- Group Discussion (Case Studies)
- Panel Discussion
- Powerpoint Presentations
- Questions and Answers

Schedule	
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.	Welcome, Prayer, Introductions and Overview
10:10 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.	<p>The Contemporary View of Domestic Violence</p> <p>What is the prevalence and severity of domestic violence in Christian circles and what are the forms and directions of abuse.</p> <p><i>Presenter: Mable Dunbar</i></p>
11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.	<p>Theological Perspectives on Recovery and Restoration</p> <p>Identifying the causes and long-term effects and impact of domestic violence on families, churches and society in general.</p> <p><i>Presenter: Colin Dunbar</i></p>
12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<p>Recognizing the Symptoms of Abuse</p> <p>The social, psychological, emotional, cultural, religious, and legal issues of domestic violence in relationship to the church and faith-based organizations.</p> <p><i>Presenter: Mable Dunbar</i></p>
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	BREAK
3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<p>How to Respond to a Crisis: Networking and Collaboration (Includes case studies and panel of Local Professionals and Experts)</p> <p>How to increase collaboration and networking between the religious and secular agencies in developing and/or enhancing programs, services, resources, and a community response to eradicate domestic violence and foster healing environments for church/community members</p> <p><i>Moderator: Colin Dunbar</i></p>
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<p>Questions & Answers: Church Protocol/Policies & Summary (Includes panel of Local Professionals and Experts)</p> <p><i>Facilitators: Colin and Mable Dunbar</i></p>

INSTRUCTORS



Colin Dunbar, D. Min. has served for 40 years as Pastor, Evangelist, Church Builder, Publishing Director, and Ministerial director. He has conducted seminars on Spiritual Gifts, Men and Family Ministries, Interpersonal Relationships, Domestic Violence, and Church Revivals. He has been an adjunct professor at Andrews University Theological Seminary and is a Certified Grief Recovery Counselor, and has authored a manual on how to train Bible Instructors. He has also conducted support groups for abused and abusive men and has provided counseling and support for female victims.



Mable C. Dunbar, Ph.D., is President and CEO of Women's Healing and Empowerment Network, She is a Certified Cognitive Behavioral Therapist, and Certified Domestic Violence Counselor. She is the author of *The Truth About Us: How to Discover the Potential God Has Given You*, a contributing author to *Intimate Violence and Peace and Healing*, and co-author of *We Suffered in Silence*. She has also written numerous articles and booklets on abuse issues and conducts support groups for individuals in recovery from domestic violence and abuse. Mable has conducted colloquiums on domestic violence and marriage issues at Andrews University Theological Seminary. She is passionate about helping individuals find their potential in Christ because she believes that "every human being created in the image of God is endowed with power akin to that of the Creator: individuality, power to think and to do." —E.G. White, *Education*, p. 17. Mable enjoys meeting people, reading, gardening and cooking.

Colin and Mable are co-authors of **NO MORE EXCUSES: Domestic Violence. How Will Your Church Respond to the Crisis?** They are the proud parents of adults and grandsons, Cash and Quinn.