

Clergy Sexual Misconduct Resources

ORGANIZATIONS AND WEBSITES

Baylor University

<http://www.baylor.edu/clergysexualmisconduct/>

Diana Garland, late dean of Baylor University School of Social Work, authored various resources regarding Clergy Sexual Misconduct, including:

“Bathsheba’s Story: Surviving Abuse and Loss” (co-authored with David Garland)

“The Prevalence of Clergy Sexual Advances toward Adults in Their Congregations” (co-authored with Mark Chaves)

“When Wolves Wear Sheep’s Clothing”

FaithTrust Institute

<http://www.faithtrustinstitute.org>

FaithTrust Institute is a national, multi-faith, multicultural training and education organization with global reach working to end sexual and domestic violence. FaithTrust Institute offers a wide range of services and resources, including training, consulting and educational materials. They provide communities and advocates with the tools and knowledge they need to address the religious and cultural issues related to abuse.

FaithTrust Institute regularly hosts webinars related to Clergy Ethics and Healthy Boundaries. These webinars are recorded and available on their website.

Pertinent recorded webinars include:

Back to School: Addressing Gender Violence in Theological Education

What are future faith leaders learning about gender-based violence? Why is this an important issue for theological education? How can leaders implement this work to create a safer world? In this webinar, thoughtful leaders examine the role that seminary education plays in addressing the critical issue of violence against women and how this can transform faith communities.

Presenters: Marie Fortune, Mary Hunt, Lisa Gelber, Elizabeth Siwo-Okundi

Building Better Boundaries: Creating Healthy Faith Communities

Healthy boundaries create trust, and sustain all of our relationships. Clergy boundary issues have been at the forefront for many years, but lay leaders have an important role in ensuring a healthy, safe faith community. For example, sexual harassment is a topic that impacts clergy and laity, both as victims and perpetrators. Join Marie Fortune as she

discusses the role that lay leaders play in ensuring your congregation is a safe place to worship, learn, and work.

Presenter: Marie Fortune.

Interim Ministers and After-Pastors: What You Need to Know

Faith leaders who take on the challenge of helping to heal a community following an incident of clergy misconduct may face conflict, confusion, and mistrust. Marie Fortune discusses the basics of clergy misconduct, the role of the interim minister and after-pastor, and the spiritual and ethical demands of this role, as well as the possibilities for transformation.

Presenter: Marie Fortune

Safe Congregations and Risk Reduction: A Starter Kit

Churches have tended in the past not to do the right thing in terms of protecting children and vulnerable adults from abuse. What does “the right thing” look like and how do we get there? This one-hour webinar with Sarah M. Rieth will equip your congregation with some of the tools and knowledge necessary to be a place of safety and trust.

Sponsor: The Lutheran Community Foundation.

Cost: \$10

SPOTLIGHT: What Faith Communities Can Learn From the Movie

Through the eyes of journalists uncovering a scandal, the film *Spotlight* has given the general public a way to examine the systemic, religious, and personal issues that perpetuated a culture of secrecy, abuse and collusion. Clergy abuse is not, and never has been, just a “Catholic issue.” Every faith tradition has to struggle to address the abuse of power that allows the vulnerable to be victimized. This roundtable conversation about the movie examines how it illustrates the issues of institutional and personal responsibility for preventing and responding to child sexual abuse.

Presenters: Mary Dispenza, Holly MillerShank, Marie Fortune,

GRACE: Godly Response to Abuse in a Christian Environment

<http://www.netgrace.org/>

The mission of GRACE is to empower the Christian community through education and training to recognize, prevent, and respond to child abuse. GRACE provides support through Response Assistance, Consultations, and Independent Investigations.

Keeping Our Sacred Trust

keepingoursacredtrust.org

Keeping Our Sacred Trust is an online training for preventing clergy sexual misconduct. It is made available by the Lewis Center for Church Leadership of Wesley Theological Seminary. This course is designed to create awareness of what constitutes misconduct and how issues of misconduct typically arise; the relational dynamics, internal motivations, and vulnerabilities that

can lead to misconduct; and the positive steps that can be taken to prevent misconduct and even the appearance of misconduct. The goal is to help course participants develop a strong and reliable “internal compass” that will help them to steer a safe course even in confusing or difficult situations.

Cost \$49.00

Our Stories Untold

<http://www.ourstoriesuntold.com/>

Our Stories Untold is an independent network of people who have suffered sexualized violence, people who love people who have suffered sexualized violence, and people who are just plain fed up with the harm that sexualized violence does in our communities and around the world. Our Stories Untold is comprised of people who are concerned, specifically, about the spiritual dimensions of sexualized violence and the presence of sexualized violence in communities of faith. Many of the participants have a connection to the Mennonite church in North America, although those with no Mennonite connection whatsoever are also welcome.

Our Stories Untold’s daily operations are run by Hilary J. Scarsella, director, and Barbra Graber, editor.

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