

Websites for Faith Communities

(Note: this list is not all inclusive)

Section 1 - National Websites

The following are informational websites that specifically address involvement of the faith community in the issue of domestic and sexual violence:

AARDVARC, An Abuse, Rape and Domestic Violence Aid and Resource Collection

includes a wonderful link on their site, which provides many free informational resources dealing with religion and domestic violence.

<http://www.aardvarc.org/dv/religion.shtml>

Faith Trust Institute is the premiere groundbreaking organization exploring the intersection of faith and domestic and sexual violence. Founded in 1977, they are an international, multifaith organization who's motto is working together to end domestic and sexual violence. They offer a wealth of excellent resources.

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

Jewish Women International (JWI) is dedicated to ensuring that every woman and girl is safe, in her home and in her relationships. JWI is recognized as the leading Jewish organization committed to ending the cycle of family violence.

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

Peace and Safety in the Christian Home is a loose coalition of academics, professionals, clergy and laypeople who are alarmed by domestic violence in the Christian home are interested in solving the problem of abuse in the Christian home.

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

The Black Church and Domestic Violence Institute is diverse group of people who are concerned about the issues of domestic violence in families and in all human relationships and the response of the Black Church.

<http://www.bcdvi.org/index.htm>

The Islamic Society of North America's (ISNA) Domestic Violence Forum was established to bring awareness to the issue of domestic violence in Muslim communities and provide opportunities for collaboration, exchanges of information and the promotion of continued research in the field of the impact of domestic violence on Muslim families.

<http://www.isna.net/Services/pages/Domestic-Violence-Forum.aspx>

The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women contains 2 sections within the website at www.vawnet.org with information for faith-based communities. One is a list of resources on domestic violence prevention and education in faith-based communities which may be found at http://new.vawnet.org/category/Main_Doc.php?docid=837. Also an article: "Religion & Domestic Violence: Information and Resources - Key Issue: Interpretations of Religious Doctrine" and links to some related articles may be found at:

http://www.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=864&category_id=611.

Section 2 - Michigan based sites

Burgess Family Ministry and Consultation Service is located in Kalamazoo. Executive Director John P. Burgess is an ordained elder in the Free Methodist Church. In addition to providing counseling and batterer intervention services, John is passionate about working with churches to increase awareness and response to issues surrounding violence against women. He has lead many educational programs for church leaders and congregations including programs for teens regarding healthy relationships. He can be reached at: Docjohn85@yahoo.com

Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence is based in Okemos with an office in Detroit. They are dedicated to the empowerment of all the state's survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Their mission is to develop and promote efforts aimed at the elimination of all domestic and sexual violence in Michigan. <http://www.mcadsv.org/>

Michigan Resource Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence is a unique state owned library housed at the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence in Okemos. The collection contains print and video resources on domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, violence prevention, nonprofit management, program development, fund development, medical and legal response to violence against women and public policy information. These resources include many that are faith-based and many that can be adapted to faith communities. Individuals and organizations may check items out; items may also be shipped within the state. The people working at the Resource Center are also a great resource and are more than willing to help you locate resources to meet your needs. Many online resources are also available at their site. <http://www.resourcecenter.info/>

Open Eyes of Faith works in partnership with the Capital Area Domestic and Sexual Violence Coordinating Council and the Eaton County Family Violence Coordinating Committee to end abuse in relationships through faith. They equip churches and faith communities to create safe opportunities for information, for healing, and for action. Additional information may be found at the website. <http://www.openeyesoffaith.org>

Safe Haven Ministries, "a place of refuge and hope" (Psalm 46:1), has been serving the Grand Rapids community since 1990. Their mission: Through Christ's love, renewing the human spirit and building a stronger community by ending the cycle of domestic abuse. There are three components to the ministry: Ramoth House provides shelter, Protective Hands provides non-residential services, and Raise Hope is dedicated to providing community collaborative and educational opportunities. Resources and information are available on their website. <http://www.safehavenministries.org/>

Section 3 - National General Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Resources

The following are general websites, not specifically focused on the faith community, which provide information and address community involvement in the issue of domestic and sexual violence.

Stop It Now! has been active since 1992. Their focus is public policy, public education, and research programs to protect our children by emphasizing adult and community responsibility.
<http://www.stopitnow.com/>

The Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence serves as a forum for, and clearinghouse on information, research, resources and critical issues about violence against women in Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

<http://www.apiahf.org/index.php/programs/domestic-violence.html>

The Family Violence Prevention Fund works to prevent violence within the home, and in the community, to help those whose lives are devastated by violence.

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

The Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community provides leadership to end/reduce domestic violence in the African American Community.

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

The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network is the nation's largest anti-sexual assault organization. RAINN operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline and carries out programs to prevent sexual assault, help victims and ensure that rapists are brought to justice.

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