

# Hope SPEAK

## Dear Friends,

Clergy sexual abuse cases are popping up in the news everywhere lately and it is just added confirmation of how vital the ministry of The Hope of Survivors is. If you haven't noticed anything in the news, I'd suggest you look again. Any Google search will turn up endless articles, and you can read some of the latest headlines on our News & Notes page at [http://www.thehopeofsurvivors.com/news\\_notes.asp](http://www.thehopeofsurvivors.com/news_notes.asp).

Given this ever-increasing problem among clergy of all faiths, I would like to suggest you prayerfully consider getting involved in the 2nd annual Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention (<http://www.clergysexualabuseawarenessday.com>) campaign this August. If you're willing to sponsor, host or coordinate an event, please let us know as soon as possible.

As part of the events of the campaign, we will be going to Romania the end of July to help bolster the Romanian Division of The Hope of Survivors. Please keep this planning meeting in prayer, as well as the sermon series on healing and drawing closer to Jesus that Steve will be presenting while there.

This year, 2012, is a special year for The Hope of Survivors—it is the 10-year anniversary of the ministry's inception. Over the past 10 years, The Hope of Survivors has provided truth, support and hope to literally tens of thousands of victims around the world, established volunteers and divisions for the Latino community, as well as in Australia, Romania and Canada. The website is now available in nine languages! We praise God for what He has done, and we thank you for all your prayers and support.

In order to continue reaching those who are desperate and without hope, we need your ongoing support. Would you consider signing up for monthly recurring donations of \$10 or more in commemoration of our 10-year anniversary? Your gift brings hope and life to those who have been so terribly wounded by wolves in sheep's clothing.

Not only that, your gifts help us continue to provide educational seminars and materials to clergy of all faiths, as we seek to educate them about the issue of clergy sexual abuse and how they can prevent it, protect the vulnerable sheep in their care, and protect themselves from going down that fateful road of destruction. Thank you for your commitment to help those in need.

A case in point is the recent scenario of a victim who needed to reach a place of safety with her children. Because of your help, The Hope of Survivors was able to ensure she and her children were safe. That brought hope that, in time, will help facilitate healing, as ongoing emotional and spiritual support is provided. This was just one case—this scenario, and others similar to it, is repeated on a near-daily basis. God, working through this ministry, is bringing hope and healing to fragile and shattered lives—lives that generally are hopeless and on the verge of being extinguished when they reach us. *“He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.”* (Psalm 147:3)

I praise God for each of you reading this newsletter. I know you care. I know you have a heart of compassion for those in need. Perhaps because you've been there yourself. Or, maybe because you know someone who has been there. Or, maybe it is just because you recognize the significance of the impact clergy sexual abuse has on the

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## Human Rights, Homemade

—Jennifer Jill Schwirzer

Social justice, human rights, victim advocacy—these are all the rage today. For instance, filmmaker Jason Russell's viral *Kony 2012* has received over 100 million views. I was one of them. Watching it, I felt outrage, compassion, and a call to noble action. Will the film have its intended effect of helping secure the arrest of war criminal Joseph Kony? We'll know in December, the deadline set by the "Stop Kony" campaign.

It's good to be concerned about injustice. We should all do something to right the countless wrongs of a deranged world. I don't doubt that the video has inspired some to action. But I wonder if for most it has produced this less remarkable result: a rush of good feelings. Speaking for myself, I felt my inner hero flex its biceps as I watched. I

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became an instant, arm-chair victim advocate. For just that moment, I felt reassured that my conscience and compassion were in good working order. And that felt very nice.

But indulge me as I self-observe: When I don my superman's cape of moral outrage, the ego lift feels as if I can leap small buildings in a single bound. But ego lifts dissipate quickly; I eventually crash into a state of outrage fatigue. Here's what I'm thinking: Wouldn't it be tragic if human rights became

another spectator sport? If we went online to get the stats on sex trafficking, domestic violence, or civilian death, then after ranting and panting for a few minutes, settled into complacency? After all, an atrocity over the ocean, tangled in a web of retaliatory attacks and political confusion, is really very inaccessible. Throwing money at the problem has been proven ineffective, even destructive. If I care much about things about which I can do little, I frustrate myself into not caring, even while priding myself on my caring. This sounds to me like a formula for paralysis.

I want to propose a solution. Start small. Start with the victim under your nose, in your families, churches, and communities. To invest in, for instance, a campaign against sex trafficking while ignoring cases of sexual abuse within our own sphere reveals serious inconsistency. I propose that instead of ignoring reports of victimization,

we show an active interest in the cases. I propose we listen to the story and take cautious but appropriate action.

Okay, I'm showing my colors here. One of my pet peeves is sexual abuse. And my pet pet peeve is the kind of sexual abuse that happens in churches. I've heard so many stories that they've strung together into a sad song that plays endlessly in my head. But that song keeps me dancing toward the goal of ending abuse as far as my influence extends. And I'm recommending the same to you. Work with me to end abuse by advocating for the victims in your own world.

A few objections present themselves:

**"They might be lying."** Yes, but the stats are on their side. Research has consistently shown false allegations of child sexual abuse to be rare; some sources say one percent. The motive is on their side, too. Coming forth on victimization is almost always socially awkward, humiliating and frightening, creating a *disincentive* for lying. On the other hand, perpetrators have a strong *incentive* for lying, as they preserve their careers, reputations and relationships. In a recent conversation someone said to me, "It's \_\_\_\_\_'s word against the \_\_\_\_\_'s word!" True. So then believe the alleged perpetrator? This is bias. Why the bias? Perpetrators are typically charming, and often powerful, charismatic and well respected. Apprehending them can present a great inconvenience. But ignoring the victim is typically easy. So here's what I propose: Rather than disbelieve the alleged victim and risk re-traumatizing him or her, tentatively believe them and risk being lied to. There's a risk either way, but a 99 percent greater one in disbelieving the victim. Then go about gathering proof. No one should be convicted without proof.

**"That kind of thing doesn't happen here."** General sexual abuse stats shock: 17% of males and 28% of females suffer sexual abuse in their lifetimes. Incest, the worst kind of sexual abuse, hovers around 10%, with females at 20%. And the well-documented problem of clergy abuse in the Catholic Church shouldn't lead us to think the problem stays there: Figures released to the Associated Press in 2007 revealed that there are more sexual abuse cases in the Protestant churches than in the Catholic Church. That kind of thing *does* happen here.

**"It's going to ruin our family (church, community)."** Actually, sexual abuse hotlines, counseling, and shelter programs have a positive effect on communities. A recent peak for sexual abuse allegations in churches came in 1994; it has significantly dropped since because of prevention and advocacy program implementation.

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**Denomination:** The Episcopal Church

**Does the organization have a clergy sexual abuse policy in place? If yes, where can this policy be found (provide URL, mailing address if a copy must be requested, etc.)?**

The Episcopal Church has a 30-year tradition of actively focusing on responding to this important issue. In 1985, the Episcopal Church General Convention—the Church’s legislative body—passed its first resolution on the topic. Since then, several very substantive measures have been passed by subsequent General Conventions. At the most recent General Convention in 2009, the procedures for discipline of clergy accused of such violations were amended.

**How/where can victims or members of the congregation find out about the policy and proper procedures for reporting abuse? Is there a specific person or office to contact?**

An Office of Pastoral Development of the House of Bishops oversees a process of providing trained professional responders in a timely manner to parishes and dioceses dealing with situations involving clergy abuse.

Parishes and dioceses may access the Church Pension Group website for sample policies for their adoption which cover all aspects of this topic. You may access this web page by clicking on this link: <https://www.cpg.org/administrators/insurance/preventing-sexual-misconduct/overview/>.

In addition, the Church Insurance Agency Corporation, a part of the Church Pension Group, has worked with Praesidium, Inc. (<http://www.praesidiuminc.com/>) to create both live and online training options entitled Safeguarding God’s People. There are three major modules: Preventing Sexual Exploitation in Communities of Faith, Preventing Child Sexual Abuse, and Preventing Sexual Harassment of Church Workers.

There is a system in place that provides for the reporting of allegations of abuse by an individual. The individual may report to an appropriate member of the parish pastoral staff or the parish institutional leadership. If the nature of the allegations makes such reporting inappropriate, the individual could report their allegations to the Diocesan Office. A third option would be to report their allegations directly to the Episcopal Church.

**Does your organization’s policy include the abuse of vulnerable adults, as well as children?**

The Episcopal Church has expanded its response to this issue to include not only abuse inflicted by members of the clergy, but abuse by any person associated with the Episcopal Church who fills a role which places them in charge of any activities involving children and adults.

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## Testimonials

*“I found the booklet very informative. In it I found answers to a number of questions I had hovering in the back of my mind. I will be mailing out the other copies so that spiritual leaders, and associated professionals, may be educated and, hopefully, better able to assist survivors in a sensitive and supportive way. Thank you so much Wendy, for continuing to be available to listen when I need to share. I have faith that out of all this, God has great things in store for the New Year ahead. I*

*am going to be looking back at the website to see what ways I can contribute to THOS.”—MA*

*“THOS has always helped me give the proper language to what I experienced.”—TX*

*“You and Steve have shown God to me in a way that no one else ever has—as though before, all these people were telling me about this “awesome Person who loved*

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Yes, the truth may shake things up, but the long-term health of your family, church or community will improve when you purge out the festering wounds of secret evil.

**“It’s going to destroy (the alleged perpetrator)’s life.”** Actually, treatment for perpetrators of abuse has a *high* success rate. The best thing you can do for the perpetrator is bring him or her to whatever justice is necessary and encourage treatment. The worst thing you can do is ignore his or her problem. The anaerobic bacteria of sin thrives in dark places, but withers in the light of disclosure.

**“I don’t know what to do!”** Let me help with that. First, listen to the victim. Document their story. Ask them to collect any evidences they may have, if they exist. If appropriate, seek medical care to ascertain physical damage and secure treatment. Find counseling for the victim to work through emotional problems related to the abuse. A free resource for processing a crisis can be found at [www.crisischat.org](http://www.crisischat.org). To get more detailed help, call one of the many crisis hotlines such as

1-888-PREVENT (1-888-773-8368) Stop It Now

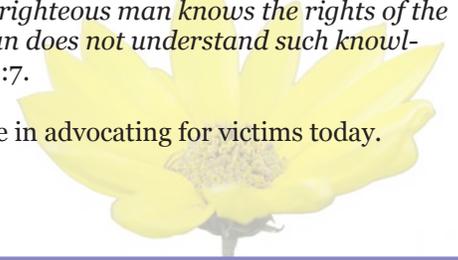
1-800-656-HOPE Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)

Information about each state’s requirements for abuse reporting can be found at [www.childwelfare.gov](http://www.childwelfare.gov); or you can call the US National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-422-4453.

The Hope of Survivors helps victims of clergy abuse. Go to [www.thehopeofsurvivors.com](http://www.thehopeofsurvivors.com).

*“Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause,”* Is. 1:17. *“Do justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed,”* Jeremiah 22:3. *“A righteous man knows the rights of the poor; a wicked man does not understand such knowledge,”* Proverbs 29:7.

Please join with me in advocating for victims today.



## Creative Ways to Help...

- Contribute with ease by setting up **monthly recurring donations** to The Hope of Survivors. It’s easy! Just go to [www.thehopeofsurvivors.com/donate.asp](http://www.thehopeofsurvivors.com/donate.asp) and type in the amount you’d like to contribute.
- No money? You can still support The Hope of Survivors! We will receive a penny each time you search the Internet using **www.GoodSearch.com**. You can also earn money by shopping at your favorite stores! Just be sure to type The Hope of Survivors in the charity to be supported box. Happy searching and shopping!
- The Hope of Survivors has been added to IBM’s list of charities that U.S. employees and retirees can chose from during annual Employee/Retiree Charitable Contribution Campaigns. Employees have several contribution options—automatic deductions from every paycheck, onetime payroll deductions, IBM stock contributions, or a pledge to write their own check to the charity. If you work for IBM, please consider supporting The Hope of Survivors through IBM’s ECCC campaign. Thank you!
- Did you know The Hope of Survivors is listed on the social networking site **Facebook**? Check it out! Go to: [www.causes.com/causes/47537-the-hope-of-survivors](http://www.causes.com/causes/47537-the-hope-of-survivors)
- You may also donate through **American Express Giving Express** by going to: <http://amex.justgive.org/nonprofits/donate.jsp?ein=65-1211701>
- As a nonprofit organization, The Hope of Survivors may be listed as a beneficiary on life insurance policies, trusts, etc. Contact us to find out more!

*Thank you for supporting The Hope of Survivors!*

## *Imagine the Unimaginable*

—Kim

Imagine the unimaginable, a woman abused as a child by a family relative...left to hold and keep a secret that would eventually lead to a life of more abuse. Abuse from others and, even more sadly, to herself. Placing that abuse in the back of her mind, trying never to remember, only to be sought out by a person who called himself friend, spiritual brother, boss and, yes, her *pastor*. He constantly hid behind the pulpit and politics of his religion. He used his position and power to seek her out. Already broken, not once, not twice, but several times in her life, he brought further damnation into the inner parts of her soul, only for his earthly pleasure to feed his narcissistic and sexual addiction.

He did not come to her as a lion to sheep but as a father to his infant child—gently, softly and caring—ultimately, abusing her sexually. He drew her into his sickness, only to bring back the memories of childhood abuse she thought she had forgotten.

They are both married with children. She fights with her spouse and herself as she's left to keep yet another secret. The only one she can talk to is the one who abused her. The days and nights grow dark. Only thoughts of suicide seemed right. A call out to God, "*Why has thou forsaken me.*"—*again?*" Questioning, *am I your child? Are you really God? Do you really exist? He's my pastor, my boss, how do I live my life with this lie that will never die?*

I confessed to the love of my life—my husband—and to the church what happened between the pastor & me. He lied and denied everything. I was shocked and devastated. In their so-called wisdom, the elders of the Church decided to protect the pastor at whatever cost. After 15 years of ministry at the church, we were excommunicated.

My husband, by the Grace of God (being a victim also), stood by my side. I was depressed and confused. Was God's plan for my life to live a life as an abused woman? Was this my identity in Christ? My husband searched the Internet to find a counselor for me. God sent him The Hope of Survivors. He began to converse with Steve Nelson who began to explain their ministry to him. He then referred me to Samantha Nelson for online counseling.



She began to counsel me and, without knowing me, asked questions that shocked me. She asked had I been sexually abused as a child. I answered, yes. She then began to explain and educate me as to what was happening to me. For the first time, I felt the Holy Spirit of God come in and bring me peace and begin my healing. I was shown in the Word of God, for the first time, the truth about Pastoral Sexual Abuse. I learned from the Word of God the responsibility of the Church on how to deal with pastors in this type of situation. I also learned preventative things that churches can do to protect against such evil misguidance.

I then attended one of The Hope of Survivors *Hope & Healing* conferences in Minnesota. I shared with a room full of broken women and men from all over the United States, different religions, race and creed. I then began to realize just how big this problem is and the anointing on Steve and Samantha to carry out God's plan for healing of survivors of abuse.

They are the chosen ones sent by God to give hope to the hopeless, to educate communities, churches and the world on pastoral sexual abuse and prevention, to help women turn their shame to glory. If there were no Hope of Survivors, I would be living a life without hope.

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*me" but you guys actually took the time to introduce Him to me personally. There aren't words to thank you for that..."—NY*

*"Certainly use any part of my e-mail. I can't say enough of how very thankful I am to you Samantha. You were the one who finally made sense of what was going on in my life. Your willingness to respond to my e-mails even daily was so important to me. I did not have another person in my life who was so attentively caring for my wounded soul."—WI*

*"Thank you so much for all the work you do. It's been a lifeline to me."—UK*

## Calendar of Events

### July 31, 2012

Bucharest, Romania—Travel from Omaha to Bucharest

Pastor Steve & Samantha will be traveling to Romania to provide further training and support for The Hope of Survivors Romanian Division.

### August 1, 2012

2nd Annual Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention Day!

<http://www.clergysexualabuseawarenessday.com>

Events for this campaign will be taking place throughout the month of August please check the calendar for more events, and to learn how YOU can get involved!

### August 2, 2012

Bucharest, Romania

Time: 6:00pm

The Hope of Survivors Romanian Division Meeting with Pastor Ion Buciuman.

### August 3-4, 2012

Bucharest, Romania—Spiritual Revival Series

Balta Alba Seventh-day Adventist Church

TICUȘ street, nr.7, Bucharest sect. 3

Bucharest, Romania

Time: 8:00pm Friday, August 3; 11:00am and 6:00pm Saturday, August 4

Revival series focusing on spiritual healing and having a genuine relationship with Jesus will be held at the Balta Alba Seventh-day Adventist Church. Translation will be conducted by Pastor Ion Buciuman.

### August 8-11, 2012

Cincinnati, OH—ASI International Convention

Duke Energy Convention Center

525 Elm Street

Cincinnati, OH 45202

Sandy Kirkham, Shyleene Rosado (Latino Division), Jennifer Schwirzer and Martin Weber will be exhibiting on behalf of The Hope of Survivors at this convention Wednesday-Saturday. For more information about the convention and lodging facilities, please visit the ASI web site (<http://www.asiministries.org/>). All are welcome to attend and stop by the booth (#504) to visit. We look forward to seeing you there!

### August 12, 2012

Moieciu, Romania—Wedding

Pastor Steve will be conducting the wedding ceremony for some dear friends.

### August 26, 2012

Omaha, NE—*Hope & Healing* Conference

Time: 9:00am-5:00pm (Sunday)

Location: Hampton Inn & Suites—Omaha Downtown  
1212 Cuming Street

Omaha, NE 68102

**Cost:** There is a \$50 per person non-refundable fee for the conference, which includes lunch and materials. You are responsible for your own lodging and transportation, if necessary. **Registration deadline is July 29.** Register online: [www.thehopeofsurvivors.com/registration.asp](http://www.thehopeofsurvivors.com/registration.asp)

**Speakers:** Steve & Samantha Nelson, Co-Founders of The Hope of Survivors; Martin Weber, D.Min., board chairman; and Ted Vanderlaan, board member. There is limited seating and the conference will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Lodging:** Call the hotel at (402) 345-5500 to book your room at the discounted rate of \$99 per night, plus tax. Or, book your hotel room online using the following link and information: [http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/O/OMADN-HX-HOP-20120825/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/O/OMADN-HX-HOP-20120825/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)  
Group Name: The Hope of Survivors  
Group Code: HOP

There is a free shuttle from the hotel to and from the airport. Call the hotel for more information.

Note: There are no childcare services available for this conference.

*Hope & Healing* victim's conferences are currently being considered in various locations (i.e., Jacksonville, FL; Denver, CO; etc.) and will be scheduled when funds become available to conduct such programs.

To schedule or sponsor a conference in your area, call (866) 260-8958. Check our web site for additional details and the most current information.  
[www.TheHopeOfSurvivors.com](http://www.TheHopeOfSurvivors.com)

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victim, the church and the community at large and you want to do something to help. Whatever your reasons, I am grateful for you. Your prayers strengthen us, and those we serve. You enable us to fulfill our God-given mission found in Isaiah 61:1 and Ezekiel 34:16. Thank you!

May the Lord continue to bless you in every way,

*Samantha Nelson*

Samantha Nelson  
Vice President & CEO

## Resources

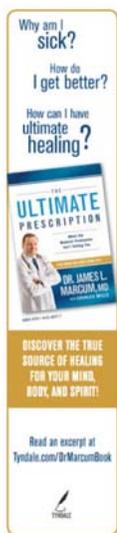
### Enough IS Enough Awareness Button



Show your support for Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention Day™ by proudly wearing one of these tastefully designed buttons! Sold by the package so you can share with your friends.

Order online at: <http://www.clergysexualabuseawarenessday.com/order.asp>

### To Your Health!



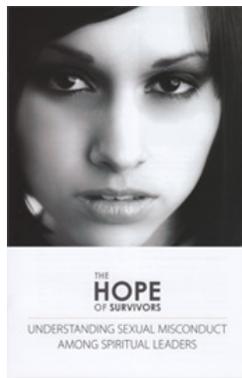
Experiencing clergy sexual abuse is often very detrimental to good health in several ways. For this reason, The Hope of Survivors likes to periodically provide helpful information about physical health in hopes that, as your physical health improves, so will your spiritual and emotional health.

Recently, one of our board members, Dr. James Marcum, wrote a book called *The Ultimate Prescription*. It has an excellent, timely message on the truth and balance in medicine. We pray it will be a blessing to you in your healing process!

The book is available online through the following websites by searching for “*The Ultimate Prescription*”:

Tyndale House: <http://www.tyndale.com>  
Amazon: <http://www.amazon.com/>

### Understanding Sexual Misconduct Among Spiritual Leaders



Ever wonder what is really happening to you or someone you know? Are you trying to decide how to help someone who has been abused by a pastor? Or wanting to know how the church should address the issue? This booklet provides information for victims, spouses, youth, pastors and wives, church leaders and congregants, and an overview of the issue of pastoral sexual misconduct. It is a “must” for

those who need answers and help! (8.5x5.5, 20 pages) Only \$2.95 each.

### DVD: *Call It Anything But Love!—The Steve & Samantha Nelson Story*



*Call It Anything But Love!* is a true story of a couple’s struggles and challenges as they overcome their painful pasts to find themselves in a spider’s web of lies, deceit, adultery and abuse—at the hands of their pastor. \$15.00 each.

Order online at: <http://www.thehopeofsurvivors.com/products.asp>

## Your donation will . . .

- Increase our ability to reach more victims through search engine advertising.
- Bring hope and healing to those devastated by pastoral sexual abuse.
- Expand the outreach of the ministry.
- Fund advertising/awareness campaigns.
- Cover travel expenses for conferences and exhibits.
- Help The Hope of Survivors provide quality educational materials pertaining to pastoral sexual abuse. Some of these are conveniently posted on our website as PDF files to download free of charge, others are available for purchase through the web site.
- And much, much more.

Donations are the primary source of funds that make it possible for The Hope of Survivors to maintain its ministry. Since The Hope of Survivors receives no denominational subsidies, your gifts are vitally important. Thank you for considering a tax-deductible donation to further the work of this ministry and bring hope and healing to wounded hearts.

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### Latino Division Calendar of Events

#### July 21-27, 2012

Los Angeles, CA—*Hope & Healing* Seminar  
 Silver Lake Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Co.  
 3200 London St.  
 Los Angeles, CA 90026

This seminar will be presented by Pastor Javier & Gloria Huerta. For more information, please email Shyleene at [shyleene@thehopeofsurvivors.com](mailto:shyleene@thehopeofsurvivors.com).

#### September 7-8, 2012

Bell Gardens—*Hope & Healing* Spanish Seminar  
 Bell Gardens Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church  
 5913 Lubec St.  
 Bell Gardens, CA 90201

This seminar will be presented by Pastor Javier & Gloria Huerta. For more information, please email Shyleene at [shyleene@thehopeofsurvivors.com](mailto:shyleene@thehopeofsurvivors.com).

Samantha and Steve Nelson are Co-Founders of The Hope of Survivors. They strive to facilitate healing in the lives of those who have been wounded by a spiritual leader.

The ministry is founded on the commission in God's Word, which calls us to "...comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." —2 Corinthians 1:4



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