



Letter of Recommendation

RE: The Hope of Survivors

To Whom It May Concern:

Because of the growing incidence of Sexual Misconduct in society in general, which has also impacted the church, we invited The Hope of Survivors team of Steve and Samantha Nelson to conduct their seminar. The seminar deals specifically with educating the public about pastoral sexual abuse and misconduct.

The content of the seminar is excellent and really provides an opportunity to address a sensitive area with clergy in a healthy setting. Having Steve and Samantha make this presentation at pastors' meetings is something I would highly recommend to every conference. Pastors are as vulnerable to a moral fall as are their church members. In the seminar leaders learn how to avoid placing themselves in situations that can lead to a moral fall. In addition, they become acutely aware of the long-lasting effects of pastoral sexual misconduct and abuse on the victims.

The seminar provides excellent resource material for pastors who have to deal with the results of pastoral sexual misconduct and abuse. The pastors of the Iowa-Missouri Conference expressed their deep appreciation to the conference administration for having the seminar at the January 2011 Pastors' Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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