

Clergy and Domestic Violence



Domestic violence is an ongoing epidemic in our culture and in our faith communities. Religious leaders are often turned to by Victims of domestic violence as the first resource for understanding and help. This is both good and bad news. On the one hand it is good in the sense that victims intuitively feel they will be well received believed and understood in turning to their clergy. On the other hand it is bad because most

clergy are inadequately trained and qualified to respond in a helpful manner. In fact they often unintentionally do more harm than good. But that does not have to be the case. Training is available.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church and A Community For Peace are offering a day long training event for clergy designed to:

- Increase your understanding and awareness of Domestic Violence;
- Increase your awareness of how clergy can more adequately respond by understanding and using the gifts of faith we are privileged to shepherd ;
- Introduce you to a "Trauma Informed Response;"
- Establish relationships with trained Domestic Violence Response providers; and
- Build bridges between the faith community and Domestic Violence Responders.

A day long training event is being offered at one of four different locations around the greater Sacramento area. Each event is from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

Lunch included. Choose your date and reserve your spot.

June 30 – July 28 – August 25 –
September 15th.

For information and registration form please contact:

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