



Resources and Contacts

BREAKING THE
SILENCE
HELP STOP ABUSIVE BEHAVIOUR

**Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.**

Matthew 11:28



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A Suggested Charter for your Church

This Church

1. accepts that domestic violence is a serious problem which occurs in church families as well as in wider society
2. recognises that domestic violence is unacceptable and must be stopped
3. undertakes to listen, support and care for those affected by domestic violence
4. will keep up to date with the support agencies that are available locally and publicise them. It will also learn from them and support them in appropriate ways
5. will play its part in teaching that domestic violence is a sin that must be repented of on an individual level before reconciliation with God and with the victim can occur
6. will live a new model of what it means to be human, male and female, teaching and preaching it, thereby challenging society and affirming that God is a God of justice, love, mercy and forgiveness
7. will appoint an advocate who will use good practice guidelines and keep the church informed about the implementation and development of this Charter

(Charter developed by Churches Together in Gloucestershire)

Contacts

- **SEC Helpline** 0845 741 3602 (SDA)
- **NEC Helpline** 0161 740 3602 (SDA)
- **Refuge**, 2-8 Maltravers St., London, S C2R 3EE, tel (office) 0207 395 7700, 24-hour national helpline 0808 2000 247
- **Churches Child Protection Advisory Services**, PO Box 133, Swanley, Kent, BR8 7UQ, tel 0845 120 4550, www.ccpas.co.uk
- **Rights for Women** (Legal Advice) 52-54 Featherstone St, London, EC1Y 8RT, tel 0207 251 6575, Helpline 0207 251 6577
- **Set Free** (Christian), PO Box 3 2, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4 GF. Offers professional counselling and respite to all those in need of a safe and confidential environment. Also provides seminars, literature, videos, book, prayer cards
- **Women's Aid Federation of England**, PO Box 391, Bristol, BS99 7WS, tel (admin) 0117 944 4411, 24-hour helpline 0808 2000 247 for domestic violence, abuse, legal aid, housing
- **NSPCC** Head Office, tel 0207 825 2500
- **Childline**, tel 0800 1111
- **Church Leaders Counselling Services**, tel 0 207 90 2 9 000 (from InterHealth).
- **CEASE**, an agency for SDAs abused by clergy or educators. Box 251, 320 Seventy Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11215, USA. <http://www.advocatweb.org/cease/Default.htm>
- **W.A.S.H.** SDA Women & men Against Sexual Harassment & other abuses. <http://www.tagnet.org/wash/> email: peggymjh@msn.com
- **Action on Elder Abuse**, Astral House, 1268 London Road, London, SW16 4ER, email: enquiries@elderabuse.org.uk, tel (admin) 0 208 765 7000, National Helpline 0808 808 8141

Organisations working with men

- **Domestic Violence Intervention Project**, PO Box 2838, London, W6 92E. Violence prevention programme for men who want to end their abusive behaviour. Tel 0208 563 7983
- **Anger Management**, tel 08451 300286, www.angermanage.co.uk
- **Men's Advice Line**, National advice line for violent men and for men suffering violence from their partners. Tel 0808 801 0327 Monday - Friday 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm www.mensadvice.org.uk

Resources

Videos are suitable for adult audiences only and are intended for pastors and church leaders education. Survivors give explicit details at times. Counsellors or professionals with abuse and family violence expertise should be present to especially assist survivors and others. To order many of the videos listed contact Faith Trust Institute (formerly Centre for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence), 2400 North 45th Street, Suite 10, Seattle, Washington 98103, USA, www.faitrustinstitute.org

- Brown, Kevin (1998), **Surviving Sexual Abuse – A Creative Response to Child Abuse**. Foreword by Bishop Richard Hollway. Monarch Books, East Sussex, England ISBN 1 854243985.
- Flowers, Karen and Ron with Audray Johnson, Elaine and Willie Oliver, **Peace and Healing, Making Homes Abuse-Free**. Available through Advent Source, your Family Ministries Conference or Union office. This pack contains many listings for books on the subject of abuse and family violence and a video.
- **Breaking the Silence** – A Women's Ministries Dept brochure available at the British Union Conference – 01923 672251.
- **Too Close to Home**. Produced by Adventist Media Centre, South Pacific Division, 150 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076, Australia, for the Trans-Tasman Union Conference of SDA. Colour, 34 minutes (available in PAL format also).
- The PATHS website has connections to World websites and addresses surrounding the issues of domestic violence and abuse. See www.hotpeachpages.org and click on World/world.html
- **Women and Violence**. Resource pack produced by the Women's Network of the Methodist Church (published 2000), price £5. Available from Women's Network Office, Methodist Church House, 25 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JR. Tel 02 07 4 67 5 175, fax 0207 486 7792, email womens.network@methodistchurch.org.uk
- **Home Truths**. Domestic violence is portrayed in this short animated video. The video is suitable for a wide audience, but is particularly designed for use with 8-13 year olds in a youth group or school setting (published 2000). Price £10 to hire, £40 to purchase. Available from Leeds Animation Workshop, 45 Bayswater Row, Leeds, LS8 5LF. Tel/Fax 0113 2 48 499 7, email law@leedsanimation.demon.co.uk.

- **Out of the Shadows** – a resource pack. A community based practical approach to ending violence. It can be used to raise a awareness of violence and help small groups of women share ideas and plan actions to deal with violence. Available from Mothers' Union, 14 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3RB. Tel 0207 222 5 533, fax 020 7 222 15 91. Email centralservices@themothersunion.org
- **Following Jesus in a Violent World – Breaking the Silence ... about domestic violence.** Pack raising issues for local churches, for ministers and for those living with domestic abuse. Price £2.50. Available from Mary Parker, Baptist Union of GB, Baptist House, PO Box 44, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxon, OX11 8RT. Tel 01235 517700.
- **The Clothesline Project** is a visual display of T-shirts designed by women survivors of violence or abuse. Contact The Clothesline Project, Northern Baptist College, Brighton Grove, Rusholme, Manchester, M14 5JP.
- **The Manchester Mosaic** is a patch work wall-hanging, in which each panel tells the (genuine) story of a woman who has suffered abuse or violence. Sections of the mosaic can be borrowed, and there is a book, which tells the stories behind the mosaic. Tel 02 07 654 7254. Email chlife@ctbi.org.uk
- **Ending the Pain and Healing the Hurt – A practical guide for faith communities responding to domestic violence.** Produced by the Northern Ireland Regional Forum on Domestic Violence, but there is advice which is helpful for everywhere. Available from Angela Courtney, Women's Aid Federation, 129 University Street, Belfast, BT7 1HP. Tel 02890 249041. Email info@womensaidni.org
- **Hitting Home: domestic violence and young women YWCA.** Gives information and helpful resource list. Available (by subscription) from YWCA, Clarendon House, 52 Cornmarket Street, Oxford, OX1 3EJ. Tel 01865 304215. Email campaigns@ywca.org.uk
- **Female Genital Mutilation & Early Marriage in Africa.** Paper based on research in Ethiopia, Kenya and Ghana, published by World Vision International. Details from Sylvia Mpaayei, World Vision House, Opal Drive, Fox Milne, Milton Keynes, MK15 0ZR. Tel 01 908 841 000. Email sylvia.mpaayei@worldvision.org.uk
- **Churches alert to sex trafficking.** PO Box 98 3, Cambridge, CB3 8WY. www.chaste.org.uk
- **Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day** and other materials available from www.wm.gc.adventist.org

- **Women & men against sexual harassment and other abuses.** Materials designed to help the SDA church members/leaders understand and deal with abuse issues. Address: 4309 Sandy Spring Road, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866-1139, USA. Web: <http://www.tagnet.org/wash/>

Training

- **Leeds Inter-Agency Project Women and Violence Trust** has developed a range of training courses for people working in the voluntary and public sector. Details from Leeds Inter-Agency Project Women and Violence Trust, Safer Leeds, PO Box 6 12, Leeds, LS2 7WH. Tel 0113 395 0821, fax 0113 395 0811. Email community.safety@leeds.gov.uk
- **Newbold College** offers counselling training courses, contact Lucille Hall, Newbold College, Binfield, Bracknell, RG4 2 4AN, tel 01344 407407.

Websites

- www.homeoffice.gov.uk/domesticviolence/index.htm
Contains much helpful information and useful links to other sites.
- www.womensaid.org.uk
The national site. It includes telephone numbers for local refuges.
- **Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE)**, www.wave-network.org
- **Centre for Children & Families in the Justice System of the London Family Court Clinic** – www.lfcc.on.ca
- **Fight Against the Fist.** A series of Radio Shows from ABC Ulwazi, South Africa. Six 10 minute dramas about domestic violence. www.comminit.com/materials/sld-5470.html
- Picturing a Life Free of Violence: Media & Communications Strategies to End Violence Against Women – showcases a variety of strategies and materials used around the world to end violence against women.
- www.comminit.com/materials/sld-4425.html
- www.globalhealth.org
- Women's Resource Information/Support Centre. <http://wrisc.ballarat.net.au/>
- A Door of Hope – SDA North American, www.adoorofhope.com
- The Association for Women and Men Against Abuse and Sexual Harassment. An inter-denominational organisation, includes SDA professionals. www.womaash.co.uk