

"I am taking away from the Mary's Hope workshop today an understanding of the effect that the abuse has on me presently. And I know I can change; there is hope."

—Anonymous,
Survivor

"[The Mary's Hope workshop] deepened my understanding of the spiritual impact of the abuse, and I learned more compassionate and effective ways to help my clients find healing."

—Robert Jones,
Therapist, Texas

"Through my job, I cannot bring about a spiritual healing for a victim. I can, however, prevent further victimization. I now can take a victim through the legal processes and do less damage."

—Ben,
District Attorney

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Mary's Hope Workshop is for:

- Survivors
- Mental Health Care Providers
- Clergy
- Victim Assistance Professionals
- Spiritual Directors
- Stephen Ministers
- Families and Friends
- Pastoral Care Workers
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Chaplains
- Social Workers
- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Psychologists
- Adoptive and Foster Parents

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Registration Fee includes:

- Workbook
- Workshop materials
- Continental breakfast, light lunch, and snacks
- Advanced registration is required and workshop is limited to 50 people.

Scholarships are available, first-come, first-served. Please call 817-946-2149 for further information.

The **ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM** is a series of conferences and workshops on difficult topics—issues that are often hidden and left to fester. The Series is brought to you by Tarrant Area Community of Churches, Brite Divinity School, and First Congregational United Church of Christ. Childhood sexual abuse is the first in our ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM series.

A Hole in the Soul—

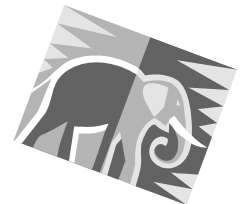
*Spiritual Healing
for Survivors
of Childhood
Sexual Abuse*

~ presented by ~

**Mary's Hope Workshops
and**

**The "ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM"
Conference Series—**

Brite Divinity School
Tarrant Area Community of Churches
First Congregational United Church of Christ



October 8 and 10, 2009

Location:

**First Congregational
United Church of Christ**

4201 Trail Lake Dr., Fort Worth 76109

Phone: 817-946-2149

Spiritual Healing for Child Abuse Survivors

When trust is violated, faith is vulnerable.

Profound childhood abuse leaves spiritual wounds upon the souls of children, wounds that may impact children's view of themselves and their creator. Left untreated, these wounds fester and intensify—leaving them with deep pain and feelings of powerlessness and hopelessness. Such abuse destroys one's sense of wholeness and connectedness to God.

The spiritual needs of victims have in the past been overlooked or forgotten by our society. Mary's Hope workshops are dedicated both to educating professionals and to facilitating for survivors the healing of and recovery from those spiritual wounds.

Presenters Rev. Diane Moore and Sherry Niermann have extensive experience helping survivors heal their broken spirits. They are both survivors, spiritual directors, educators and writers, offering multiple tools for facilitating healing of other survivors.

Overview of the Wounded Soul

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009

7:00—8:30 p.m.

FEE: \$15 (snacks served at 6:15)

Come and learn exactly what the workshop on Saturday can do for you. Leaders Moore and Niermann will share insights

with you regarding how additional healing can help with the victims' spiritual well-being. Even when all appears perfectly normal on the outside, victims can still be aching deeply inside. This introductory session will offer an opportunity to ask questions and is intended for both survivors and helping professionals. You do *not* have to attend this overview in order to register for the Saturday workshop.

Spiritual Healing & Recovery Workshop

Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009

8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

FEE: \$100 (\$80 for early bird)

(includes light meals and snacks)

This workshop is designed to help you address the spiritual side of the mending process. You will be provided with resourceful tools and new ways of looking at the healing journey. It is intended for survivors, mental health providers, family & friends, pastoral care workers, chaplains and all who encounter or journey with survivors.

CEU's offered. This workshop has been approved for continuing education credit for social workers, LPC's and LMFT's by the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Legible photocopies of the registration form are acceptable. Please share with anyone you feel may benefit. For further information, call 817-946-2149.

Spiritual Healing and Recovery Workshops, October 8 and 10, 2009

Overview Session
Thursday, October 8, 2009
7:00—8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00 (Students: \$10.00)

No CEU's for this component

Spiritual Healing & Recovery Workshop
Saturday, October 10, 2009
8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$100.00 (or \$80 early bird—if registration is received by Friday, Sept. 18)
(Special rate for students: please inquire)

CEU's \$10.00

Both events
October 8 and 10, 2009

Fee: \$115.00 (or \$80 early bird—if registration is received by Friday, Sept. 18)

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Check enclosed in the amount of \$_____. Make checks payable to Tarrant Area Community of Churches. **Please cut and return this form and payment to:** TACC, 2601 Clover Ln., Ft. Worth, TX 76107. For questions, please call 817-946-2149

Location for both events is 4201 Trail Lake, Ft. Worth, 76109

Registration Form