

Registration

Registration Deadline:
October 10, 2007
Conference Fee: \$30.00

Name: _____

Profession: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

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Confirmation will be made by e-mail.

Do you have special needs? In order for us to provide appropriate services, we request that accommodations such as sign language interpreters be requested by 9/1

Register by mail:

Violence Intervention Partnership
142 Federal Street, Suite 102
Portland, ME 04101

Registration \$30.00, made payable to
Cumberland County Government:

Check Enclosed

First 50 Registrants will receive a free copy of the book "Keeping the Faith" by Marie Fortune.

Confirmation of registration and directions will be sent out before October 19th, 2007.

For More Information

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Register Now: LOOKING THROUGH THE LENS OF FAITH:
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION & PREVENTION

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**LOOKING
THROUGH
THE LENS OF FAITH:**
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
INTERVENTION &
PREVENTION

**Featuring Reverend
Dr. Marie Fortune,
Founder of the
Faith Trust Institute**

October 25, 2007
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
State Street Church,
159 State Street,
Portland, Maine

*This Conference is dedicated to Father Don
Lonsdale for his work on behalf of victims of
domestic violence*

Who Should Attend

Clergy, leaders and members of communities of faith; domestic violence advocates and service providers; seminary students; psychologists, psychiatrists, professional counselors, faith counselors, and social workers.

"Domestic violence, spousal abuse... whatever name you give it, it means the destruction of a human being's self-worth and self-respect. The collision of a victim and an abuser creates an environment of fear and control."

- A Survivor of Domestic Violence

Training Agenda

- 8:30 Registration
9:00 **Welcome: Rev. Dr. Jeanette Good**, State Street United Church of Christ
9:05 **Welcome Ritual: Rev. Dr. Virginia Marie Rincon**, Tengo Voz
9:15 **Keynote Address: "Looking Through the Lens of Faith:" Rev. Dr. Marie Fortune**, FaithTrust Institute
10:30 Break
10:45 **The Dynamics of Domestic Violence: Ellen Ridley**, Family Crisis Services
12:00 Lunch and networking, with music by Portland High School String Ensemble
1:00 **The Voice of the Survivor**
1:15 **Domestic Violence and the Use of Theology: Rev. Dr. Marie Fortune**
1:45 Break
2:00 **See It and Say It: Working with Domestic Violence Victims Panel**
Rev. Dr. Jeanette Good (moderator); **Rev. Dr. Marvin Ellison**, Bangor Theological Seminary; **Rabbi Carol Braun**, Temple Beth-El, **Rev. Dr. Virginia Marie Rincon**, Tengo Voz & **Tina Tucker**, MTS—Bangor Theological Studies, New Hope For Women
3:45 **Wrap-up: Rev. Dr. Marie Fortune**

Featured Speaker



Marie Fortune has been a pioneer in the field of religion and domestic violence and a leading national expert on sexual exploitation by religious leaders. She is the Founder and Senior Analyst at the Seattle-based FaithTrust Institute (formerly the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence). Rev. Fortune is an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ as well as an author, educator, practicing ethicist and theologian. She served on the National Advisory Council on Violence Against Women for the U.S. Department of Justice from 1994–2002 and currently serves on the Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence for the U.S. Defense Department. She is also the editor of the *Journal of Religion and Abuse*.

For More Information about Marie Fortune & The Faith Trust Institute, visit: <http://www.faithtrustinstitute.org/>

"I had been living with domestic violence for many years... I felt desperate and alone with no where to turn. I thought seriously of ending my life in order to get out of my marriage; my husband offered to assist me. The next day... something was different... I sat in the sunroom, a wave of strength and courage surrounding me. God was with me giving me the courage to make a life changing decision. I saw myself packing my bags and leaving, I'd never done anything like this before. I couldn't stay in that house for another minute. I walked out the door leaving

[many] years of marriage behind me."

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Continuing Education

CEUs: in progress with the Association of Professional Chaplains, and approved by the Board of Social Workers Licensure.

Sponsors

Violence Intervention Partnership, A Project of Cumberland County Government; State Street United Church of Christ; Bangor Theological Seminary; Family Crisis Services; Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence; Maine Council of Churches; Maine Medical Center Pastoral Services Department; Muskie School of Public Service; Tengo Voz; Andover Newton Theological School.

"My parish priest's support and encouragement played an important part in my decision to leave my husband. He continually told me that God didn't want me to live in an abusive situation and that I deserved a better life."

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Program Goals

- Educate advocates and service providers about how to realize faith dimensions in working with victims of domestic violence.
- Provide tools and language for advocates and service providers to help them work with victims of domestic violence around faith issues.
- Provide leaders and members of faith communities with information about a safe and appropriate response to domestic violence.
- Provide leaders and members of faith communities with tools to work with victims of domestic violence.
- Build bridges between advocates and service providers for victims of domestic violence and members of communities of faith.
- Provide strategies to promote gender equality and prevent or intervene with domestic violence.
- Educate faith communities, advocates and service providers about faith issues for New Americans.