

OFFERING SANCTUARY: PROVIDING PASTORAL CARE TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This crucial one-day seminar will be held January 29, 2007 at Duke Divinity School from 9:00 am- 4:00pm in Room 0016 of the Westbrook Building. The seminar is free and open to all Duke Divinity students and alumni as well as any others of the Duke University or wider Durham/Chapel Hill community, particularly caregivers, pastors, activists, and community leaders. [] CEU is available for those who attend the entire day (registration for CEU's will be provided at the seminar).

Among the many topics to be covered during the day are:

- ? The effects of domestic violence on children
- ? Characteristics of victims and batterers
- ? Ways to identify patterns of abuse
- ? Preaching about sexual violence
- ? Religious issues involved in sexual assault and abuse
- ? Appropriate pastoral responses to victims and to perpetrators of abuse
- ? Prayer services and litanies of acknowledgement and healing
- ? Suggested resources for caregivers
- ? What churches can do to respond and to care

The seminar will be led by expert counselor and educator, Dina Helderman. Ms. Helderman currently serves as a program coordinator in the Center for Continuing Education at Duke Divinity School. Prior to coming to Duke Divinity, she was the Director of Community Outreach at the Durham Crisis Response Center during which time she led the agency's professional training initiatives to clergy, law enforcement, health and legal professionals and public school teachers.

The five-hour seminar, *Offering Sanctuary*, to be held January 29, 2007 at Duke Divinity, Ms. Helderman has already offered numerous times for clergy and laity all over the state of North Carolina as well as at Lutheran Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina. Her other trainings included training on sexual assault investigation for police officers, the development of a 1/2 day workshop on sexual assault in the disabilities community for police, advocates, and school officials, and the facilitation of several workshops on domestic violence investigation for

police academies, and on sex offender profiling for detectives and on screening and response for health care professionals.

Ms. Helderman also served as the primary contact and facilitator for both the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Response Teams where she also planned and facilitated quarterly trainings for those teams. Prior to joining the Durham Crisis Response Center, she worked with Summit House, Inc., a residential program for convicted female drug users on intensive probation who were often victims of both domestic and sexual violence. Dina completed her Master of Divinity at Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia in 2000.

If you would like to attend Offering Sanctuary, or would like more information, please contact Kathryn Broyles (k.broyles@duke.edu). Reservations for the event will be taken until January 22, or until the event is full.

*This event is presented by the Black Seminarians Union and the Women's Center of Duke Divinity School. Co-sponsoring the event is the Duke University Graduate and Professional Student Council. This event is also included as part of the Spring Seminars for Graduating Seniors at Duke Divinity School.