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*We look forward to  
partnering with you!*

*Partners in Faith  
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## Partners in Faith

A gathering of social service providers, clergy, academics and people of faith united in working together to respond to those affected by domestic violence, abuse, and sexual assault from a faith and spirituality perspective.

## Who We Are

Partners in Faith was born out of the desire to bring together individuals and organizations, faith communities and faith leaders, with a commitment to supporting individuals and families who experience sexual violence and/or domestic abuse.

During my first few years serving as Director of Renewal House, a domestic violence shelter and program of the UU Urban Ministry, I met many individuals who were working in faith-based organizations to address the needs of survivors of abuse. I also met many people in secular domestic violence/sexual assault programs seeking to build relationships between their organizations and the faith community. Although we all knew of each another, I realized that we were not connected.

As a minister, I yearned for a place where theology and practice could converge for practitioners and faith leaders committed to ending violence. **Partners in Faith** is that hoped-for place. Through bi-monthly gatherings focused on a variety of topics and programs, we provide the opportunity for all those interested in addressing domestic violence from a faith perspective to come together and share the journey of our work/ministry.

We hope you will consider joining us on this journey.

*Rev. Susan B Chorley*  
*Director, Renewal House*

## Resources for Faith Communities

### SafeLink:

(877) 785-2020

### Boston Area Rape Crisis Center:

(800) 841-8371

### Renewal House:

(617) 566-6881

### Hagar's Sisters (Christian):

(978) 266-0053

### Journey to Safety (Jewish):

(781) 647-5327

### Jane Doe, Inc:

[www.janedoe.org](http://www.janedoe.org)

### SafeHavens:

[www.interfaithpartners.org](http://www.interfaithpartners.org)

### FaithTrust Institute:

[www.cpsdv.org](http://www.cpsdv.org)

***“Nobody talked about it. The thing is in the church I do remember seeing some women that would come to church with shades or a lot of make-up. You know something is going on but nobody’s talking about it.”***

## Did You Know...

- ♦ 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner. (National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 2011)
- ♦ In MA, 4,418 adolescents and adults are sexually assaulted each year, which averages to one every two hours. (Boston Area Rape Crisis Center)
- ♦ In MA, 1 in 10 high school students report experiencing sexual contact against their will. (2009 MA Youth Risk Behavior Survey)
- ♦ Religious involvement has been found to promote greater psychological well-being for survivors of domestic violence. (T.L. Gillum, C.M. Sullivan & D.I. Bybee, 2006)
- ♦ In a 2004 study of 41 clergy, only 37% percent of clergy counseling those involved with intimate partner violence referred them to community agencies providing domestic violence services. 57% of the clergy said they felt they lacked enough training effectively counsel people around domestic violence. (R.J. Rotunda et. al, 2004)