



## Registration Information for Participant Teams

# SAFE AND HEALTHY CHURCHES TRAINING: ENDING FAMILY VIOLENCE

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**September 29-30, 2017**

DoubleTree by Hilton

6505 North Interstate 35, Austin, Texas, 78752

InFaith Community Foundation is sponsoring *Safe & Healthy Churches Training: Ending Family Violence*, a two-day training in Austin, Texas, designed to help Christian clergy and lay leaders understand the dynamics of domestic and sexual violence and the ramifications of violence on individuals, the church and our shared community. It also highlights protocols to protect victims, prevent future harm, and respond effectively and sensitively to victims/survivors, their families and abusers.

The training will also address issues particular to faith communities, including break-out sessions focusing on:

- **Domestic Violence Response: Trauma-Informed Pastoral Care**  
(special training for clergy, parish nurses, chaplains)
- **Child Abuse Prevention & Response**  
(special training for lay leaders, congregants, Sunday school teachers, educators)
- **Healthy Teen Relationships**  
(special training for youth leaders and ministers and educators)

The training is created for church teams of at least two people.

As part of their *Ending Family Violence Initiative*, InFaith Community Foundation is generously covering all expenses for attendees, including meals and program materials for each church to take home, as a means to further individual Christian church responses to family violence. The registration deadline is Friday, September 1, 2017. The training is limited to 125 participants; please apply as soon as possible. In support of a regional, ecumenical response, church teams from Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth and surrounding areas are invited to participate. Registration is required.

**Register online at [www.faithtrustinstitute.org](http://www.faithtrustinstitute.org) by September 1, 2017.**

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email or call Clare at [clareo@faithtrustinstitute.org](mailto:clareo@faithtrustinstitute.org) or (206) 634-1903 ext. 26.

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## AGENDA

### Friday, September 29

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast & Registration
8:30	Welcome & Program Begins
9:00 a.m.	Break-out Training Sessions
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:00	Break-out Training Sessions
3:15	Reconvene & Program
4:30	Closing Service
4:30-7:00	Dinner & Community Networking

### Saturday, September 30

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast & Gathering
8:30	Meditation and Prayer
9:00 a.m.	Break-out Training Sessions
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30	Break-out Training Sessions
3:15	Reconvene & Program
5:00	Closing Service

All meals provided by  
InFaith Community Foundation.

## WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

Faith communities have a valuable role to play in addressing domestic and family violence. You will learn how your community can understand the impacts of trauma, ensure safety, support for survivors, and create a community that helps to prevent one of the most common and pervasive public health issues in the world.

You will:

- Better understand the dynamics of domestic violence;
- Better understand the religious concerns for victims, survivors, and abusers;
- Better understand the impacts of trauma;
- Increase skills in responding to these concerns; and
- Learn ways to better collaborate with faith.

## DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL

### DoubleTree by Hilton

6505 North Interstate 35, Austin, TX 78752

Enter IH 35 North toward North Central Austin. Take the FM 2222 exit (238A). Move to the far right lane of the access road. After passing the Intersection of Hwy 290 E and IH-35, take the first right onto La Posada Drive. The hotel is located in Central Austin at the corner.

## BIOGRAPHIES OF INSTRUCTORS

**Rev. Dr. Sharon Ellis Davis** is a pastor, professor and former police officer. She was the Director of the Center for African American Ministries and Black Church Studies at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. Sharon served as a Chicago Police Officer for over 31 years, as a patrol officer, a Criminalist in the Crime Laboratory and Police Chaplain, ministering to police officers and members of their families, especially during times of crisis. She is a retired Board Certified Chaplain (BCC) with the Association of Professional Chaplains. She currently serves as an Affiliate Professor at the McCormick Theological Seminary and as a Faculty Mentor at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Her recently published book is titled *African American Battered Women: A Study in Gender Entrapment*.

**Rev. Dr. Sarah M. Rieth** is an Episcopal priest serving as Chaplain at Penick Village, a faith-based continuing care retirement community in Southern Pines, North Carolina. A Diplomate in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, Sarah has served as a pastoral psychotherapist and consultant in independent practice North Carolina and New York. She works with many survivors of childhood abuse and domestic violence, including in the retirement community where she now serves. Her dissertation and published work focus on the healing needs of survivors of abuse. Sarah works with judicatories to develop policies, procedures, prevention training, healing protocols, and pastoral response teams to address abuse the church.

**Rev. Kathy Reid** is the Executive Director of the Family Abuse Center in Waco, Texas. Before coming to the Family Abuse Center, Kathy was Associate General Secretary for the Church of the Brethren, a small Anabaptist denomination, headquartered in Elgin, Illinois. For twelve years, she was founding pastor of Austin Mennonite Church. From 1997 until 2004, she was Executive Director of the Texas Homeless Network, a nonprofit organization that built homeless coalitions across the state, provided resources and technical skills to non-profit organizations that served the homeless. Kathy is the author of several books including *Preventing Child Sexual Abuse: A Religious Education Curriculum for Children Ages 5 – 8* and *Preventing Child Sexual Abuse: A Religious Education Curriculum for Children Ages 9 – 12*. Kathy has more than twenty years' experience training congregations, pastors and individuals around issues of child protection.

**Rev. Lydia Mulkey** is the Minister of Education for the First United Church of Oak Park. She completed her Master of Divinity at Pacific School of Religion. She has served in children and youth ministry at churches in the Bay Area, Los Angeles and in Tennessee. She also serves on the Outdoor Ministries Committee for the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ. Lydia has a passion for youth ministry and for creating safe and healthy environments in which youth can find their voices and tell their stories.