

Elder Abuse – Suggested Resources from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) can be proud of our social witness policy on domestic violence, but policy statements are only as good as they are known, studied and followed. Encourage your congregation to engage in a study of the policy and the different forms of abuse, add resources to your congregation's library, partner with the professionals in your community and become a place where truth is spoken and healing begins.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Policy:

Turn Mourning into Dancing! A Policy Statement on Healing Domestic Violence, approved by the 213th General Assembly (2001). The policy contains recommendations, background materials and study guide. The policy can be viewed and downloaded by visiting <http://www.pcusa.org/oga/publications/dancing.pdf> or can be ordered (\$4.00) by calling the Presbyterian Distribution Services at (800) 524-2612, or online through the Presbyterian Marketplace, <http://www.pcusa.org/navigation/resources.htm>, Specify PDS order # OGA-01-018.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Curriculum Resources:

Basham, Beth and Sara Lisherness, eds. *Striking Terror No More: The Church Responds to Domestic Violence*. Louisville, Ky.: Bridge Resources, 2006, Second Edition. Order through Marketplace (above). Item # 157153069X

Troy, Nancy, ed. *Anguished Hearts*. Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Louisville, Ky., 2003. Order through Marketplace (above). Order # 7027003025

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Training and Consultation:

Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence Network (PADVN), a Network of the Presbyterian Health, Education & Welfare Association (PHEWA). Network members are available for training and consultation. www.pcusa.org/phewa/padvn - Contact Nancy Troy at nancy.troy@pcusa.org; (888) 728-7228, x5794 (toll free).

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Living Longer, Feeling Better web site:

The Web site, <http://www.pcusa.org/healthyliving>, provided by National Health Ministries, features health and wellness resources to assist older adults in achieving and maintaining good health. It also examines vital roles congregations can play in helping aging members stay fit by keeping them involved in the church and its activities.

Additional resources on abuse can be seen on the Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence Network (PADVN) web site, www.pcusa.org/phewa/padvn.