The Clergy Task Force
Against Family Violence
Knox County, Tennessee

Statement of Purpose

We are a group of clergy and religious leaders, representing a broad spectrum of faith traditions, whose purpose is to provide education, advocacy, and support for our colleagues in ministry to:

- minister to victims of family violence;
- work to prevent family violence in our community; and
- find common ground as spiritual leaders to address an issue which affects people of all religions, backgrounds, and classes.

Please visit our website:
www.clergytaskforce.weebly.com

Family Violence HELPLINE
(865) 521-6336

Family Violence and Culture

A Conference for:
Clergy, Pastors, Youth Ministers, Ministers of Pastoral Care, Stephen Ministers, Lay Leaders, Counselors, Chaplains, Parish Nurses and Social Workers

October 14, 2011
8:00 AM ~ 1:30 PM

The Foundry
747 World’s Fair Park Drive
Knoxville, TN 37902-1900
(865) 546-8656

Hosted by:
The Clergy Task Force
Against Family Violence

Sponsored by:
Community Coalition on Family Violence
Program Outline

8:00 AM   Registration

8:45 AM   The Babylonian Captivity by Abuse
          Bishop James Swanson
          Holston Conference United Methodist
          Clergy Task Force Members

9:30 AM   Break

9:45 AM   Break Out Session #1
          Southern Appalachian Culture
          or
          Hispanic Culture

10:30 AM  Break

10:45 AM  Listening to Her Voice

11:00 AM  Break Out Session #2
          Urban African-American Culture
          or
          Upscale Anglo Culture

12:00 PM  Anita Gregg Luncheon
          Keynote Speech: Bishop Swanson

1:30 PM   Evaluations turned in

Registration Form

Name ________________________________

Job Title ________________________________

Congregation/Organization: ________________________________

Address __________________________________________

Phone ________________________________

Email ________________________________

***Please note any major dietary restrictions below: ____________________________________

Conference fee is used to secure training materials, keynote speaker, and lunch.

Please make your $50 check payable to: Community Coalition on Family Violence and mail it with this registration by October 1, 2011 to:

John Harold
Attn: City of Knoxville Accounting Department
City County Building 400 Main Street, Suite 675
Knoxville, TN 37902

Continuing Education Units (CEU)

Carson-Newman College is offering .5 CEUs for this conference. To receive credit, you must provide an additional $5 check payable to Carson-Newman College. After attending the teaching sessions and completing an evaluation form, the CEU payment will be collected. The college also requires a Social Security number in order to grant education credit.

Clergy Task Force website

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Questions about the seminar?
Contact: Dr. David Kitts (865) 215-6864 or dkitts@cityofknoxville.org

Bishop James Swanson
United Methodist Church
Holston Conference

Bishop James Swanson, Sr. is a popular preacher, teacher, and leader.

His pastoral appointments include St. Mary's Road UMC, a congregation that grew from 16 active members to a membership of 950. He has served as Chair of the Board of Commissioners, Housing Authority of Columbus, GA. He received a Hope VI Grant to revitalize a depressed community in Columbus and headed the Mayor’s Task Force on Gangs. He was Superintendent of the Savannah District of the South Georgia Annual Conference at the time of his election to the episcopacy in July 2004.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Bible College and Master of Divinity degree from C. H. Mason Seminary, ITC, Atlanta, GA. He is pursuing a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Evangelism at Perkins School of Theology, SMU.

Bishop Swanson has guided the Holston Conference (which includes churches in southwest Virginia, east Tennessee and northern Georgia) into various initiatives. Under his leadership and foresight, the Holston Conference has passed resolutions mandating that UMC ministers and congregations be trained in the best ways to respond to domestic violence issues.

“Swanson is part of the growing number of clergy breaking the silence in churches about domestic abuse.” (Knoxville News-Sentinel - October 13, 2007) In the same article, Bishop Swanson stated, “The church has got to deal with it no matter how painful it is. If it’s that painful for us, can you imagine how painful it is for the victims?”

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