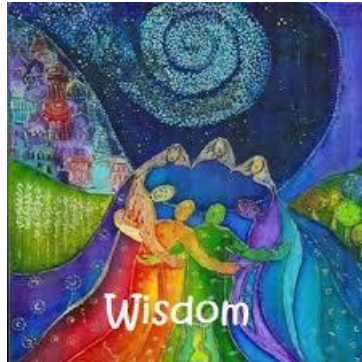


***SafeChurch* wants to ensure the voices and perspectives of survivors and allies of faith help to shape the larger emerging social movement to end Child Sexual Abuse, and we need to hear from you. We are calling on survivors and allies to participate in a “Wisdom Circle” this fall! You will be our honored guests.**

New! WISDOM CIRCLES for SURVIVORS AND ALLIES

Survivors of child sexual abuse (CSA) are often untapped sources of wisdom for their church, community, and social movements. Efforts to protect children from sexual harm, and to create healing spaces for those who were harmed, benefit greatly when survivors share the wisdom born of their suffering and healing.



Allies, those who encourage survivors in their healing, want to protect children from sexual harm, and support efforts to create safe and just faith communities, also have many insights to offer based on their experiences. Your solidarity is a gift!

Separate Circles are scheduled for survivors and for allies. Each is a safe space where 3 or 4 important questions facing our faith-based movement stream will be asked by a facilitator. Using a “talking stick” methodology, each person responds to the question and the stick passes around the Circle. It is a practice of deep listening, rather than cross-talk, that allows each participant opportunity to respond several times, going deeper to mine the wisdom of the heart as we sit in sacred space together.

Each Circle is 1.5 hours, with a light meal served 30 minutes before we start (no charge). You may participate in one or several Circles, as space permits. Responses to each question will be collected and shared with the larger movement so that its shape includes people of faith. The identities of those responding will **NOT** be shared unless desired. Circles are held in the downstairs Community Room at Samaritan, 1803 Oregon Pike, Lancaster.



Dates for Survivor Circles: Thursday, 9/15; Monday 10/3; Saturday 10/29.

Dates for Allies Circles: Tuesday 9/20; Monday 10/10; Tuesday 11/1

All midweek times are 5:45 PM – Supper; 6:15 PM – 7:45 PM Circle

Saturday time: 8:30 AM – Breakfast; 9 AM– 10:30 AM Circle

RSVP with preferred date(s) to DRenfro@scclanc.org or 717-560-9969 x 254

CIRCLES ARE LIMITED TO 4 – 8 people RESERVE EARLY

We know that it will take a strong social movement to end the conditions that allow one in four girls and one in six boys to be sexually harmed before age 18. *SafeChurch* represents a faith-based stream that connects to the larger river of secular organizations working to end CSA.