Introducing:

“Resources for Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention”
The Members of WHOLE Disciples invite you to learn about Resolution GA-1928 A Call to See and Respond to the Crisis of Domestic & Intimate Violence
The Members of WHOLE Disciples include:

- Rev. Courtney Armento
- Rev. Yvonne McCoy, \textit{in memoriam}
- Rev. YaNi Davis
- Rev. Dr. Kate Epperly, \textit{in absentia}
- Pastor Renae Earl
- Rev. Amie Vanderford
- Rev. Joe Michael
- Rev. Dr. Claudella Koen
- Rev. Dr. Crystal Walker
- Rev. Dr. Galen Goben
- Rev. Olivia Updegrove
Meet The Co-Authors of GA-1928

Rev. Courtney Armento

Rev. Yvonne D. McCoy
WHOLE Disciples Milestones

July 2019
Adopted GA-1928 at General Assembly

September 2019
Tethered1.org content and Un*Silence Domestic Violence training and resources launched.

February 2020
Working with NBA to develop WHOLE

October 2020
WHOLE Presenting to Regional Assemblies
What is WHOLE doing?

- Providing accessible specified education to clergy
- Providing engaging Healthy Relationship workshops for teens and young adults
- Providing resources and a blueprint to successfully support those suffering in your midst
Story Telling:
Rev. Dr. Crystal Walker
How many pandemics are currently raging in our collective social landscape?
How many of you believe that Domestic Violence is happening in your community?
Let's look closer
Based on the statistics, one of these women is keeping a secret about living with abuse.

3 women per day are killed by current or former partners ~ NNEDV
Based on the statistics, 2 out of 3 children are exposed to trauma and violence.
Based on the statistics, 1 in 4 men live with abuse.

Gender and Non-Binary Folx
LGBTQIA +
Based on the statistics, 1 out of 3 teens experience dating violence.
Based on the statistics, 15.7% of seniors are subjected to abuse.
Every 1 in 3 people experience Domestic or Intimate Partner Violence.

This is a Visual Representation of what it looks like.

These numbers include our congregations!
WHEREAS, DV/IPV are pandemic public health problems, which are multigenerational, cyclical, and threatens the fabric of family life in society

WHEREAS, DV/IPV occurs across age, ethnic, gender and socio-economic lines, educational levels, among persons with disabilities, and among both heterosexual and same-sex couples

DV is subversive and is normalized in our culture through multi-media platforms
Denial is the most problematic stance in our cultural landscape around abuse.
Why is Domestic Violence the best kept secret?

* Shame
* Stigma
* Silence

Our work is to Dismantle S3
What are we missing in our churches?
What is happening in our churches?

This is Real
What are we missing in our churches?

There was no where for me to turn. Far too many survivors experience this deep isolation.
Educational Imbalance!
Why are hairstylists more well-trained than our pastors?
We Voted & Adopted GA-1928, Here are our collective next steps
WHEREAS, John 10:10 states that Jesus came so that we “may have life and have it more abundantly,” something that victims of domestic and intimate partner violence (DV/IPV) are robbed of due to the abuse experience causing exponentially high rates of depression, despair, fear and trauma.
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

We Disciples, must recognize our RESPONSIBILITY to help prevent DV/IPV in all its expressions.

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Connect with local agencies for resources, offer multi-lingual, abuse specific resources in your church restrooms and on your websites.

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Pastors and Laity should be trained specifically around PROPER SENSITIZED ABUSE SPECIFIC RESPONSE.

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All expressions of the church encourage youth camps and ministries to incorporate healthy relationship, self worth and healthy boundary content with age appropriate relationship red flag awareness in their programs.

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All expressions of the church are encouraged to increase their efforts to shatter shame, stigma & silence by preaching and teaching responsibly on the topic of DV/IPV. Work together to dismantle a cultural landscape where domestic violence can thrive and hide.

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1. Ask your region to put DV resources for your area on their website and email newsletters

2. Take action to bring resources, workshops, and prayer events to your community

3. Stay aware and engaged, & become a safer space to those in your midst
You can get started on your journey of empowered Un-Silencing by:

- Visiting TETHERED1.ORG/Resources. The tools you need are all there for you.
- Take the 5 hour self guided online course “Un*Silence Domestic Violence” to educate yourself and your laity-visit [https://www.thresholdsofthesoul.org/unsilence](https://www.thresholdsofthesoul.org/unsilence)
- For free sermons on domestic violence, visit [https://sojo.net/sermon/series/100-sermons-violence](https://sojo.net/sermon/series/100-sermons-violence)
Awareness

https://nnedv.org/get-involved-
toolkit/

You do not have to wait for these months

Please do not stay silent during these months

February is Teen DV Month

April is both Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Stop the Violence

Whole Disciples

A movement for domestic and intimate partner violence eradication

Alive, healed, vibrant, liberated, educated
Q & A:
A Poetic Moment

Rev. YaNi Davis

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You cannot help heal what you don’t understand.