



 Restored Hope
Network™

"And such were some of you..."

The Hope Update

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Anne Paulk, Executive Director

Easter calls our hearts to higher ground. Jesus calls us to gaze higher than the riotous political realities of our election season and higher than our loved ones who are not subjected to His will. He calls us to gaze at His majesty and celebrate the way He made for us. This way was made to restore us to relationship with the God the Father through His own lifeblood.

And, God continues to call out through Restored Hope Network's national fellowship to those who wish to hear, "Repent and live!" (Ezekiel 18:32) "For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!"

We know that pro-gay 'Christian' groups are sending teams of people into churches to attempt to persuade the churches to adopt pro-gay theology. From the point of view of the gospel, the mission field of unredeemed lives is coming to the local church all across the country. What an opportunity for local pastors to minister truth with compassion and allow the Holy Spirit to draw these ones into an authentic relationship with Himself.

Are the local church leaders equipped for this particular challenge? Are the congregants? The youth? Are they able to stand firmly with both truth and love when tested—that homosexual behavior is indeed sin and that we have a Savior who died to redeem us from all sin, even homosexuality? This is a very important opportunity to stand firm in the steadfast boundaries God designed for human sexuality and for the Lord to use us to challenge pro-gay men and women to surrender themselves completely to the clear will of the only Sovereign Lord.

Perhaps then, they may also be able to sing in surrender with us,

*"Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe.*

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow!"

(Elvina Hall, 1865)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Highlights from April - May 2016

April 9, 2016—Glendora, CA

Support Group Leadership Training

Presented by Living Stones; Facilitated by Denise Shick

April 15-16, 2016—Springdale, AR

Homosexuality: Equipping the Church, Addressing Needs

Presented by AboutHOPE Ministries; Speaker: Joe Dallas

April 16, 2016—Spokane, WA

Ninth Annual CPR Conference

Presented by CPR Outreach; Speaker: Jason Thompson

May 21, 2016—Upper Marlboro, MD

Beyond! Conference

Workshop Speaker: Debora Barr

For more information and a full listing, go to

<http://www.restoredhopenetwork.org/index.php/event/2012-12-11-03-04-45>

RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

The Wounded Heart: Hope for Adult Victims

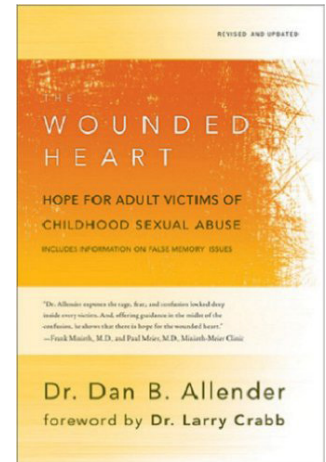
Dan B. Allender, PhD

Victims of childhood sexual abuse have perhaps experienced the most soul-deadening trauma there

is. In this Christ-centered resource, Allender assures adult survivors that there is a way out of the rage, fear, and confusion---and offers their spouses, families, friends, and counselors specific ways to help the healing process.

For more information on *The Wounded Heart*, go to

<http://www.restoredhopenetwork.org/index.php/resources/teaching-resource-of-the-month>



MINISTRIES OF THE MONTH

For more information on RHN Ministries of the Month, go to <http://www.restoredhopenetwork.org/index.php/resources/ministry-of-the-month>

Mastering Life Ministries—Pure Passion Media

David Kyle Foster, Director

Mastering Life Ministries and Pure Passion Media are



heavily involved in global media outreaches online and through television for sexual sin & brokenness. Some videos are dubbed or subtitled in different languages. Two documentaries include *Such Were Some of You* and *How Do You Like Me Now?*

His Way Out Ministries

Pastor Phillip Lee, Director

His Way Out Ministries was founded with the expressed



purpose of raising awareness and encouraging the Body of Christ to minister transformingly to those who struggle with sexual and relational brokenness through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in the healing power of the Holy Spirit.

Pro-Gay Ideology: Idol-izing Personal Experience

Rev. Karen Booth

A pro-gay group in the regional area where I used to serve as a local pastor calls itself “Grace for All.” I don’t know what rational guided that choice of name, but here is what it says to me: Those of us who hold to a traditional biblical understanding of human sexuality only offer grace for some. Or worse yet, perhaps we don’t really have grace for anyone, at least when it comes to dealing with issues regarding sexuality. But in my opinion, it’s the pro-gay group that has a naïve and insufficient understanding of grace. As Mark Galli observes in *Jesus Mean and Wild: The Unexpected Love of an Untamable God*:

“There is risk...in loving the...morally wayward. Out of mere sympathy, we may become tempted to compromise our values to be nice to them. But true love is robust. It includes compassion and confrontation, empathy and truth-telling, kindness and sternness.”

The kind of grace Galli describes—grace in all its fullness—is a challenge to achieve and maintain. So when it comes to homosexuality, many Christians find it less demanding to default to one of two polar opposites: either rejection and exclusion or acceptance and affirmation. The former is usually easy to detect and denounce. Hate-spouting protestors... are obviously acting in sinful and unchristian ways.

But what about the other response—the wholehearted embrace of a pro-gay worldview and everything that entails? If exclusion and rejection are the only other options, then naturally acceptance and affirmation of homosexual persons and their behavioral choices will appear to be the more Christ-like response. But it really is not.

“The last thing I want to do is hurt or offend you. But our job is not just to help each other feel better but to help each other be better. If I truly love you, and I do, I will come to you as Jesus did, in grace and truth. Not truth without grace, not grace without truth, but with both.” (Randy Alcorn)



Excerpt: Booth, Karen. *Forgetting How to Blush: United Methodist Compromise with the Sexual Revolution*. Anderson: Bristol House, Ltd., 2012. Print.

Karen Booth is a board member of Restored Hope Network, the director emeritus of Transforming Congregations (a ministry outreach of Good News), and author. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Drew Theological School, and an ordained Elder in the Peninsula – Delaware Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Karen has been active in various denominational renewal efforts for over a decade.

Forgetting How to Blush can be purchased through Amazon at <http://www.amazon.com/Forgetting-How-Blush-Methodisms-Compromise-ebook/dp/B007SXB5SI> or Seedbed at <http://store.seedbed.com/products/forgetting-how-to-blush>

MINISTRY REPORT

Thank you!

Thank you so much for entrusting us with funds to focus on these primary areas: referring individuals and families to care, our annual conference, developing our network of ministries, pastors and counselors, and providing information on line. Thank you for your partnership in the mission of Restored Hope Network!

Restored Hope Network
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Total
Revenue and Other Support	
Contributions	\$ 56,968
Missions Income	17,672
Program Income	32,511
Membership Dues	7,600
Interest	11
Total Revenue and Support	114,763
Expenses	
Program	76,522
Management and Administration	27,041
Fundraising Expenses	0
Total Expenses	103,563
Change in Net Assets	11,200
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	30,839
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 42,039

"We support Restored Hope Network because it proclaims, among other things, a message to the church of what 'Breaks God's Heart.' This is a message so needed in the lives of parents and the church today. For these reasons, we are very happy to financially support Restored Hope Network, and we encourage any of you to do the same.

Restored Hope Network and her affiliates have been a wealth of information, love, God's truth, and guidance for us as we have walked this journey with our son. An article recently jumped off the Facebook page of Restored Hope Network: Five Things Parents of a Gay-identified Child Need to Hear from the Church. We will be sharing that and what we are learning as parents at a conference next month.

- Very Grateful Parents

"I financially support Restored Hope Network because it is a Light in the darkness. I spent most of my life without the understanding that there is real freedom from same sex attractions. Had it not been for ministries like RHN, I would not know the freedom that I am experiencing in my life, a freedom that I once thought impossible to have. There has to be somewhere where the truth is proclaimed lovingly, clearly and without compromise; RHN is that place."

- Howard Hervey

Changing Lives and Multiplying Hope

"Daystar Television Network recently donated \$5,000 to Restored Hope Network, a ministry committed to helping individuals who are dealing with gender confusion or unwanted same sex attraction to align their lives with God's perfect plans for them."

- Daystar Television Network

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