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Restored Hope Network's Annual Conference Recast as HOPE 2.0

Virtual gathering June 12-13 will deliver the same speakers, workshops and meeting and prayer rooms – all in a live online format

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Restored Hope Network, the coalition of ministries serving those who desire to overcome LGBTQ issues in their lives, is moving full steam ahead to offer its annual HOPE conference – via online means. The event was originally scheduled at a church in Kent, Wash., prior to nationwide concerns about COVID-19.

Now called HOPE 2.0, the event will be held on same dates -- June 12-13, 2020 -- and will include live keynote addresses, Q & A with speakers, individual life stories, workshop presentations and even time to connect in a private social media site.

"While we don't know how long physical distancing will be a way of life for all of us, we do know that social connection is more essential than ever," Restored Hope Network Director Anne Paulk said. "So many men and women struggling with unwanted same-sex attractions need the hope and healing our event provides that there was never a consideration of cancelling it."

"Our means of meeting people's needs may have changed, but our commitment absolutely has not."

Paulk added that registration for the event has been reduced considerably – to just \$100 per person. Registration is now open on the RHN website: <https://rhn.regfox.com/hope2020>

"HOPE 2.0 will feature some of the country's most respected Bible teachers and ministry leaders – as well as men and women who have overcome LGBT struggles," Paulk said. "We're excited that the change in format will result in even more people being able to join us for this transformational time."

This year's speakers include:

- Dr. Sean McDowell, an author and speaker with a passion for equipping the church, and in particular young people, to make the case for the Christian faith and offer a biblically informed, yet gracious approach to the contentious issue of homosexuality.



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- Joe Dallas, an author, speaker and ordained pastoral counselor whose work helps men and women reclaim godly sexuality. He directs a Biblical counseling ministry for those dealing with sexual and relational problems, and with their families as well.
- Linda Seiler, an ordained Assemblies of God minister who currently serves as the director of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship at Purdue University. She once had plans to have sex reassignment surgery and change her name to David, but God intervened as a testament to the power of Jesus to change everything.

Paulk says the conference, as always, will offer just what its name proclaims to all who attend.

“HOPE 2.0 is for LGBTQ strugglers, overcomers, family members, loved ones, counselors, pastors, lay people and more,” she said. “It’s a can’t-miss opportunity to receive information, insight and prayerful, practical wisdom from leaders and partners in the field.”

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About Restored Hope Network

Restored Hope Network is an interdenominational coalition of Christian ministries serving those who desire to overcome relational and sexual issues in their lives and those impacted by such behavior, particularly homosexuality. We work alongside the body of Christ, the Church, and to connect those seeking help with local member ministries and other resources that are available, as well as support, equip and connect the local member ministries.