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## Press Release

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# HOPE 2019 Conference to Feature Top Speakers on Overcoming Sexual Sin

*Restored Hope Network's annual event set for June 21-22 in Minneapolis, headlined by Alex McFarland, June Hunt, Phil Courson and Juli Slattery*

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. -- Restored Hope Network, the coalition of ministries serving those who desire to overcome sinful relational and sexual issues in their lives, has assembled some of the most respected speakers in their fields for its HOPE 2019 conference.

The event will be held June 21-22 at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4201 Regent Ave. North in Robbinsdale, Minn. Tickets are available now at a 10 percent discount at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) for all purchasers who use the code EarlyBird2019 by March 15.

"HOPE 2019 is a special conference filled with powerful biblical teaching, worship and inspiring life stories of those who have dealt with same-sex attraction and been transformed by the living God," Restored Hope Network Director Anne Paulk explained. "It's the No. 1 event we host each year to restore hope, proclaim truth and equip churches to boldly advocate for scriptural integrity in a culture that daily seems to further abandon the truths that anchor God's view of sexuality."

The event's speaker lineup features:

- Alex McFarland, a popular speaker and writer on Christian apologetics who has spoken in hundreds of locations throughout the U.S. and abroad, He has preached in more than 1,500 churches throughout North America and internationally, and has been featured at conferences such as The Billy Graham School of Evangelism, Focus On The Family's Big Dig, Josh McDowell's True Foundations events and California's Spirit West Coast.
- June Hunt, M.A., an author, singer, speaker and founder of Hope For The Heart, a worldwide biblical counseling ministry. Her lifework has yielded landmark contributions in the field of Christian counseling. Hope For The Heart, which she founded in 1986, offers biblical hope and practical help – through biblical counsel, coaching and context for contemporary concerns – in more than 60 countries on six continents.
- Phil Courson, founder and senior pastor of Abundant Grace Community Church in Gainesville, FL, is also a board member for Restored Hope Network. He and his wife, Kay, have a passion for Jesus, a love for people, a heart for the local church and a desire for all to "experience and express the glory of Christ."



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- Juli Slattery, a clinical psychologist and co-founder of Authentic Intimacy, a ministry devoted to reclaiming God's design for intimacy. From 2008 to 2012, she served at Focus on the Family -- writing, teaching and co-hosting the Focus on the Family daily radio broadcast. She is the author of 10 books, host of the weekly podcast "Java with Juli" and a member of the board of trustees for Moody Bible Institute.

Paulk says the speakers and the workshops being planned to help those struggling with same-sex attraction and other sexual and relational issues – and those wanting to support them – make this year's conference Restored Hope Network's most helpful and hopeful event yet.

"HOPE 2019 is for strugglers, family members, loved ones, counselors, pastors, lay people and more," she said. "We'll not only provide information, insight and prayerful, practical wisdom in Minneapolis, we will provide opportunity to connect with others in your area to gain long-term support."

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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; connect those seeking help with local member ministries and other available resources; and support, equip and network the local member ministries.*