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The Voice and Role of Faith Communities in Healing After Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Increase your effectiveness in responding and caring for survivors of violence by learning how to provide healing opportunities for survivors.

Women and girls experience violence and often turn to their faith community for help. Churches need guidance on how to offer worthwhile and continuous healing opportunities. Several groups and persons in faith communities have developed crisis service resources, including such things as safe shelters or legal assistance for victims of violence. However, this problem goes deeper than the immediate crises, which this training addresses. There is a pressing need for long-term healing, especially after the extreme neurobiological and physiological changes caused by the trauma of violence.

Presentation length can be adjusted as necessary, from a one hour lecture or workshop to the focus of a two-day retreat or conference.

"It is beautiful! Thank you so much!"

Dr. Christy Sim is the Executive Director of Stronger Than Espresso, an organization that designs and provides healing tools and curriculum for communities after a person experiences domestic violence, abuse or sexual assault. She previously spent two years as the Accreditation and Technical Assistance Coordinator at the Kansas Coalition against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSADV) where she worked with twenty-nine domestic violence and sexual assault programs helping enable a standard of trauma-informed care for everyone in the state.

Dr. Sim graduated in August 2014 from St. Paul's School of Theology, with a doctorate in Global Health and Wholeness with her main area of emphasis and research in healing after Domestic Violence. She has over 400 hours of additional training in domestic violence, sexual assault, legal and forensic implications of violence, the neurobiology of trauma, trauma-informed care, developing a community's response to violence, and more.

She has a chapter, "Celebration of Strength" in the book *Talking Taboo: American Christian Women Get Frank about Faith* (edited by Lane and Okoro; White Cloud Press, 2013).

Read more on the [Stronger Than Espresso website](#).



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