



**Why Faith Matters** is an online network connecting individuals and faith communities that are dedicated to addressing and ending interpersonal violence.

Our commitment is to creating safe and healthy sacred places that recognize the impact of trauma on our lives, and working to make our sacred places free from violence, abuse, harassment, bullying, and harm.

For forty years, we have worked with faith communities to address the religious texts, histories, structures, and cultures that uphold violence and discrimination. **Why Faith Matters** recognizes the central role that spiritual beliefs, practices and community play in the lives of victims/survivors. A person's faith and faith community can create tremendous opportunity for healing and justice in the aftermath of violence.

**Why Faith Matters** has grown out of a decade of regional trainings, sponsored by **InFaith Community Foundation**. Central to their deep dedication to ending violence against women, the Safe and Healthy Churches Trainings have brought together faith leaders and laity to address the most common human rights abuse in the world: gender-based violence.

Our mission is to work toward the elimination of relationship violence— sexual violence, intimate partner violence, child abuse, human trafficking. **Why Faith Matters** aims to connect people and church communities around the country who share this calling.

# WHY FAITH MATTERS

Our faith calls us to love, heal, repair.

# UPCOMING NETWORK EVENTS

**RECORDING from February 28: How Faith Communities Talk About Virginity and Abstinence Impacts Teens with Rev. Lydia Mulkey** (YouTube Live Event) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOtqgMYqhbq>

**April 11: #ChurchToo: Let's Talk About Change** (YouTube Live Event)  
Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KH9OrtRZG7E>

**April 17: Meaningful Voices Book Club: Trauma Stewardship**  
Discussion: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3275757789818087169>

**May: Webinar: Talking with Children About Consent with Rev. Kathy Reid**  
(Date TBA)

**August: Ending Sexual Assault on Campuses—and Everywhere Else!**  
(Date TBA)

**September/October: Safe and Healthy Churches: Ending Family Violence Training in San Diego, CA**

## NETWORK RESOURCES



Connect with **Why Faith Matters** on Facebook to get the latest news and updates



View dozens of webinar recordings on the **Why Faith Matters** online education platform

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Thanks to a grant from **InFaith Community Foundation**, we are in the process of creating an online hub for the **Why Faith Matters** network. This will include:

- A **Why Faith Matters Website**, with resources for faith communities, advocates, educators, and survivors.
- Free Online Course: **Why Faith Matters: A Christian Response to Intimate Partner Violence**
- Free Online Course: **Children of Domestic Abuse: Family Abuse and Trauma**