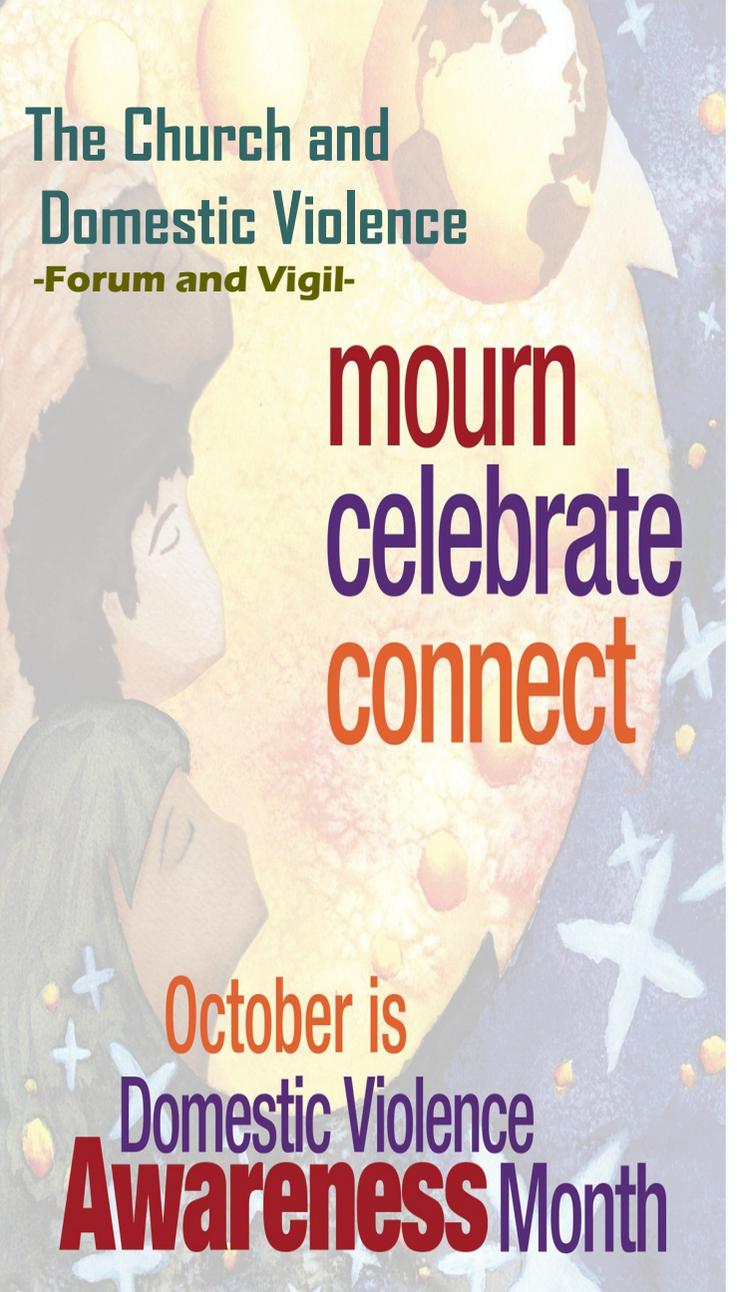

Our Guest Speakers

Dr. Nancy E. Nienhuis holds a doctorate in Religion, Gender, and Culture from the Divinity School at Harvard University. She is the Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Dean of Students, and Faculty of Theology at Andover Newton Theological School, where she teaches courses on social justice and intimate partner violence. She has a particular interest in issues of intimate partner violence and sexual assault, particularly as those issues are addressed in the training of clergy. Her articles have appeared in *The Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, *The Journal of Pastoral Care*, and *The Journal of Religion and Abuse*. She is currently working on a book comparing theological responses to domestic violence in the lives of medieval saints with contemporary responses to such violence, with Harvard Divinity School colleague Prof. Beverly Mayne Kienzle.

Rev. Dr. Anne Marie Hunter has presented and taught locally and nationally about issues related to faith and violence against women since 1990. Rev. Hunter is an ordained United Methodist pastor who received her Master's Degree in Divinity from Harvard University in 1986 and her Ph.D. in Religion and Society from Drew University in 1991. From 1992 to 1998 she served as pastor of East Saugus United Methodist Church in Saugus, Massachusetts. In 1991, Rev. Hunter founded Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence, a grassroots nonprofit that works with diverse religious communities to train clergy and laity to respond effectively to domestic violence within their congregations and communities. Rev. Hunter is currently the Director of Safe Havens. She also directs Safe Havens' National Technical Assistance Projects with the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women. Rev. Hunter has worked at two battered women's service groups: Harbor Me in Chelsea, Massachusetts and Jersey Battered Women's Services in Morristown, New Jersey. She has taught at both Drew University and Tufts University.

Ms. Claudia Segura has worked in the domestic violence field since 2006 when she started as an intern at Mujeres Latinas En Accion (Latin Women in Action) a DV agency in Chicago, Illinois, where she coordinated and facilitated the 40hr Domestic Violence training, recruited, trained and supervised volunteers, performed individual and group counseling sessions with domestic violence survivors, did community education and outreach through workshops, presentations and health fairs, and supervised the 24hr DV crisis line. In 2011 she moved to Massachusetts to be the Residential Services Coordinator at The second Step, Inc. a transitional living program for DV survivors in Newton, MA. At The second Step, she was responsible for the intake and interview process for clients, performed needs assessment and was the resident's case manager. Currently, Claudia is the Legal Advocate at Voices Against Violence where she provides direct services to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, including crisis intervention, hotline and individual counseling, legal and medical advocacy, information and referral.

Ms. Carmen Del Rosario has been the Director of the Boston Public Health Commission's Domestic Violence Program for 10 years. Del Rosario was a pioneer in developing strategies to engage boys and men in positive ways to prevent violence and to promote healthy relationships. In the year 2000, under her leadership, the Domestic Violence Program received funding from the CDC to develop, implement and evaluate a five year demonstration project working with men as fathers. Over the past five years Carmen has been working in Eastern Congo and Tanzania, developing, implementing and evaluating programs to respond to victims of Gender Based Violence (GBV) as well as prevention initiatives with men. As a GBV Program Coordinator in Tanzania, Carmen developed intervention and prevention programs in seven refugee camps, providing technical support to capacity development of the implementing partners in partnership with government, UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF and INGO.



The Church and Domestic Violence

-Forum and Vigil-

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October is
Domestic Violence
Awareness Month

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

5:00pm-8:00pm

Boston University School of Theology

Room 325 & Muelder Chapel

Invitation

Greetings,

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. How should pastors and congregations respond to survivors and perpetrators of domestic violence in faith based communities? Boston University School of Theology is hosting a forum and vigil service on **Wednesday, October 24th, 2012, 5pm-8pm** that deals with these vitally important issues. We would like to invite you to this event. Four guest speakers are invited to speak on the following topics.

“What is Domestic Violence?,” “How to respond to Domestic Violence as a pastor?,” “What do service providers do?” “How to respond to batterers in faith based community?”

After the forum we will hold a vigil service to mourn victims and celebrate survivors of domestic violence. This event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information please contact Myung Eun Park, pme208@gmail.com

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Forum



5:00-5:20pm Refreshments
Welcome and Introduction of Speakers

5:20-6:40pm Presentation
◆What is Domestic Violence?

Speaker: Dr. Nancy Nienhuis
Dean of Students & Vice President for Strategic Initiatives Faculty of Theology at Andover Newton Theological School

◆How to respond to Domestic Violence as a pastor?

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anne Marie Hunter
Director of Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence

◆What do service providers do?

Speaker: Claudia Segura
Legal Advocate for Voices Against Violence

◆How to respond to batterers in faith based community?

Speaker: Carmen Del Risario
International Trainer and Consultant

6:40-7:00pm Responses and Discussion

Vigil

“To stop permitting the victim to feel at fault. To stop trying so desperately to hold together homes that are void of any kind of shalom. To ask the victims to forgive us for our silence and indifference which may have discouraged their desperate whisper from penetrating our consciousness in their hour of need... We begin healing broken people by speaking supportively, by opening our arms with a warm embrace to those who feel the sting of a loved ones betrayal.”

- A Yom Kippur Meditation before “Al Chet”



A **Vigil** to remember victims and to celebrate survivors of domestic violence will take place at On Wednesday, October 24th, 7:10pm at the Muelder Chapel at Boston University School of Theology.

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