

**October is Domestic Violence
Awareness Month**

Celebrating the Adoption of CC(DOC) Resolution GA1928

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We Voted, We Adopted, Now What???

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, it is a perfect time to support and engage Resolution [GA1928](#). Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence are holding over 12 million people hostage in toxic relationships. Businesses lose over 8 Billion dollars a year as a result of Domestic Violence. The dynamics at play in an abusive relationship are not logical, the dynamics are layered and complex. The complexities around abuse are not taught in seminary. The co-authors of the resolution are passionate about affecting the normative cultural landscape where abuse hides and thrives. They have designed a blueprint for action around the strategy of creating safer sanctuary space for those whose lives are ravaged by abuse. There are three major steps:

1. Become educated about abuse specific dynamics and educate your community, especially youth and young adults
2. Take action to bring resources, workshops, and prayer events to your community
3. Stay aware and engaged, become a safer space to those in your midst

~ in 3 women, 1 in 4 men, 1 in 3 teens will experience Domestic or Intimate Partner Violence in their lifetimes. Every 9 seconds a woman is beaten. Over 15% of seniors over age 60 are being abused or neglected (severely under reported). 2 out of 3 children witness abuse during childhood. Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence are cyclical and are repeated intergenerationally. Essentially, there is no end, unless we equip, empower and educate youth and young adults. We have the ability to free future generations.~

Due to the deep cultural embedded reality of Shame and Stigma around abuse, Silence makes Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence the best kept secret. The CDC deems this insidious violence "A Public Health Crisis." We, as Christians, have the power and capacity to reduce this



violence in our lifetimes! The statistics prove there are people suffering in silence in plain sight in your community.

[Watch our launch video](#) [Click on July 20-Opening Celebration, and move the time bar to 1:57.](#)

Meet The Co-Authors

Courtney Armento, M.Div.

Co-Author of Resolution GA1928



Courtney Armento, is driven to inspire the power of community to create systemic change, in that vein, she co-authored resolution [GA-1928](#). She recently graduated from Claremont School of Theology with her *Master of Divinity*, and earned a 40-hour certificate in Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention, in Illinois in 2018. She is a survivor who birthed her workshop cache' based on her experiences. Attendees of her workshops report discovering new and clarifying information that illuminates the trajectory of abuse and the dynamics at play in ways not previously experienced.

Courtney embodies a Womanist hermeneutic of social justice with a focus on trauma specific healing, liberation and inclusion for ALL, agency recovery, and flourishing. She is a Chicago native who thrives as a transplant on the Left Coast. Prior to seminary, she garnered over 20 years-experience in hospitality management, accounting management and specialized in key organizational innovation strategies for performance enhancement and risk reduction.

She believes in Christ as salvific model for compassionate restoration for those suffering in our midst; Notice, Engage, Respond, and Heal. Leading with compassion, she develops models of support that encourage communities to create space for lament and grief as modalities for claiming the fullness of life! Biblically, lament was culturally centric to life's loss process and availed a way forward.

Courtney has developed a tool box of resources and information which will prepare you to shatter shame, silence, and stigma by bringing simple initiatives to your church context. She is available for on-site training, and has facilitated [webinars](#) to educate church staff, ministerial leaders and congregations on the complexities of abuse through DSF Discover. She is offering an online class entitled [UN*SILENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE](#) October 7-11, 2019. Visit her website for registration and discover her resources at [Tethered1.org](#). Pastor Courtney is connected to two regions, the Pacific Southwest Region (PSWR), and the Christian Church Illinois Wisconsin Region (CCIW).

Reverend Yvonne McCoy

Co-Author of Resolution GA1928



The vocation of Rev Yvonne Houser McCoy spans more than 30 years, focusing on Holistic Health, Healing, Restoration and Wholeness for the Mind, Body, Soul and Spirit She is ordained in the Christian Church and serves as Pastor of Floyds Knobs Christian Church in Indiana.

Yvonne earned a M.Div. from the Louisville Theological Seminary with emphasis on Pastoral Care and Counseling She earned a BS from IWU in Business Management and Industrial Psychology Rev. Yvonne retired from Norton Healthcare where she served as a Staff Chaplain in the ICU and Emergency Dept. Yvonne is a

Preacher/Teacher, Christian Counselor, Conference/Retreat Facilitator, Board Certified Chaplain, Certified Healing Touch Practitioner and Certified Holistic Life Healer.

Yvonne is the founder and owner of the Transformation Institute Holistic Life Healer, LLC. Her organization provides individuals with an integrated approach to ministry. She guides persons through the process of transforming their lives, through the application of mind renewing techniques. She teaches clients how to live from the inside out according to basic spiritual principles.

In 2008 Yvonne was called by God to create a Retreat and Wellness Center for individuals who have been or are being abused and traumatized. These individuals require a place of refuge in order to be healed. [Oasis Retreat and Wellness Center](#) was birthed out of the need for broken and fragmented people to be restored and transformed to wholeness, to move from being a victim to being victorious. This safe haven is a place where they can be nurtured back to health and empowered to live into their potential and purpose that God has ordained for their lives.

Yvonne's upcoming events and training options can be found [here](#). Yvonne is connected to two regions, Indiana and Kentucky. She is centrally located for easy accessibility from Ohio as well.



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