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Survivor Leadership: It's Relevance to Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

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Ending Child Sexual Abuse Web Conference Series

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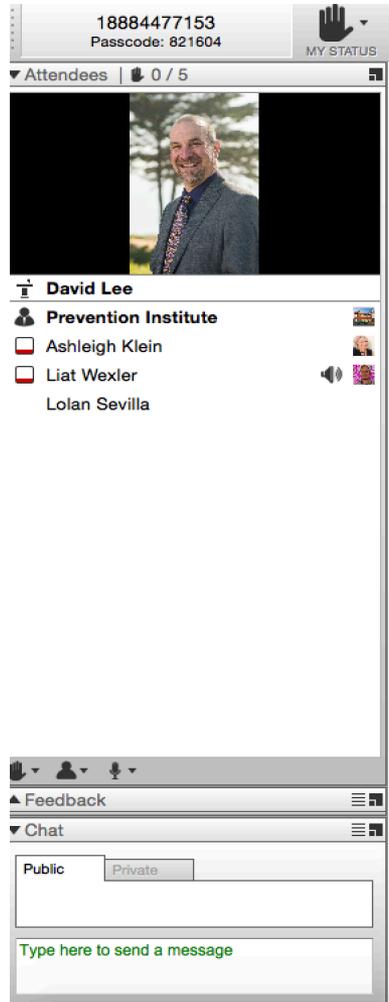
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Past Web Conferences

May 23: #PowerInPrevention Ending Child Sexual Abuse: A Practical View of the Role that Youth Serving Organizations can play in Preventing Child Sexual Abuse

May 31: Healthy Masculinities: Mobilizing men and boys to foster positive gender norms

June 28: From private to community accountability: Building capacity to make sexual and domestic violence prevention a community responsibility

July 19: Organizing for economic opportunity : Movements and strategies to improve economic opportunities for sexual and domestic violence prevention

July 25: #PowerInPrevention Ending Child Sexual Abuse: Prevention through Understanding and Addressing Sexual Behavior of Children

August 16: A safe place to call home: Strategies and movements to transform the physical/built environment for sexual and domestic violence prevention

September 11: #PowerInPrevention Ending Child Sexual Abuse: Prevention through Understanding and Addressing Sexual Behavior of Children

September 20: Addressing the Roots: Preventing Multiple Forms of Violence through Shared Underlying Factors



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Ending Child Sexual Abuse

- **2016-2017**
- [Survivor Leadership: It's Relevance to Child Sexual Abuse Prevention](#)
- [Prevention through Understanding and Addressing Sexual Behavior of Children](#)

- [A Practical View of the Role that Youth Serving Organizations Can Play in Preventing Child Sexual Abuse](#)
- [The Sexual Abuse to Prison Pipeline](#)
- [Expected and unexpected funding partnerships to prevent child sexual abuse](#)
- [Technology Strategies for Ending Child Sexual Exploitation](#)

- **2014-2015**
- [Unique Opportunities for Child Sexual Abuse Prevention: Learning from Migrant Farmworker Communities](#)
- [Child Sexual Abuse Prevention at the Intersections: Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children](#)
- [Restorative Justice: A Promising Approach to Ending Child Sexual Abuse](#)
- [Preventing the Harm, Promoting the Helpful: Healthy Sexuality](#)
- [Bridging Knowledge in Child Sexual Abuse Prevention: Promising Practices in Indigenous Communities](#)
- [Pillars of Policy for Child Sexual Abuse Prevention: A Discussion](#)

- **2013-2014**
- [Faith Communities Engaged in Ending Child Sexual Abuse](#)
- [Secret Survivor's Tools for Strengthening your Prevention Efforts](#)
- [Power of Organizational Practices: Innovations to Keep Kids Safer](#)
- [Statute of Limitations and its Connection to Prevention](#)
- [Child Sexual Abuse and Disabilities](#)
- [Telling our Stories: Learning as we Build a Movement to end Child Sexual Abuse](#)

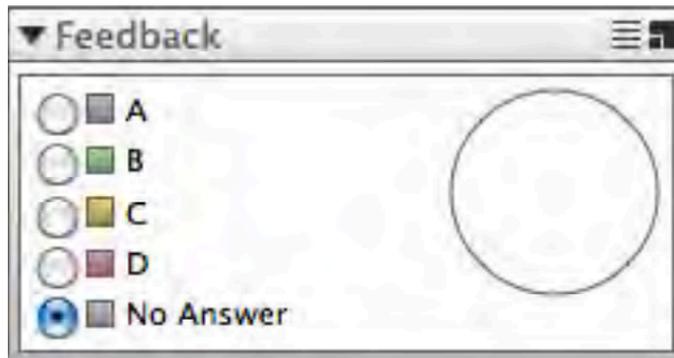
- **2012-2013**
- [Including Child Sexual Abuse in the Sexual Violence Prevention Movement](#)
- [Using Media to End Child Sexual Abuse](#)
- [Preventing the Perpetration of Child Sexual Abuse](#)
- [Voices of Experience: the role of direct experiences in social change](#)
- [Healthy Sexuality and Caring Connections: Foundations for Prevention](#)
- [The Role of Arts in Ending Child Sexual Abuse](#)
- [Depictions of children in media and pornography: Implications for prevention](#)
- [After Sandusky: What we have learned to prevent child sexual abuse in youth-serving organizations](#)
- [Policy changes that help and hinder our ability to end child sexual abuse](#)

<http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/09/5-years-of-insight-and-action-powerinprevention-ending-child-sexual-abuse-web-conferences/>



Previous #PowerInPrevention Ending Child Sexual Abuse Web Conferences

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- A. This is the **first** #PowerInPrevention Web Conference I have attended
- B. I have attended **one previous** #PowerInPrevention Web Conference
- C. I have attended **more than one** previous #PowerInPrevention Web Conference
- D. I **regularly attend both** #PowerInPrevention and PreventConnect Web Conferences



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Monday, September 11, 2017

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Joan Tabachnick

Series Co-Hosts

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Prior Attention to Topic

- **Voices of Experience: Role in Ending Child Sexual Abuse** with Amita Swadhin & Randy Ellison, (August, 2012)
- **Secret Survivors** with Sara Zatz and Billye Mulraine (September, 2013)
- **The Role of Art in Ending Child Sexual Abuse** with Donna Jenson, Bonnie Fournier, and Travis Monford (October, 2012)

Why this Session?

- Build on prior sessions
- Address on-going gaps and challenges in strategies to end child sexual abuse



Learning Objectives

- Identify the challenges and successes for building a more inclusive movement
- Articulate the role, importance, and rationale for survivor leadership in ending child sexual abuse
- Define the role of allies and others affected by child sexual abuse in working collectively with survivors to do this work

[Short] History of Movement

Women's Organized Resistance:

- *“Perhaps the first women to break the silence about rape were African American women testifying before Congress following their gang rape by a White mob during the Memphis Riot of May 1866.”*

Rape Crisis Movement

- 1970's saw *Against Our Will* (Brownmiller); *Take Back the Night*, feminists organizing across the country

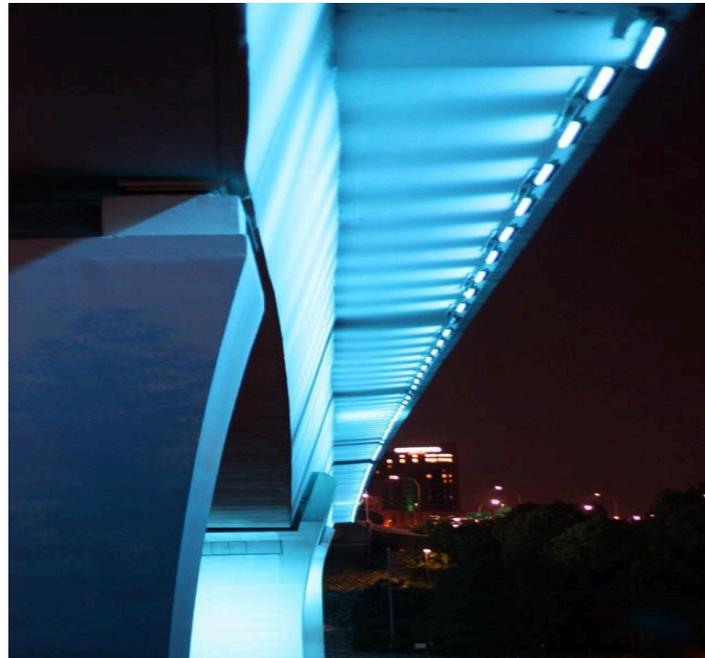
Organizing to Organizations

- Rape crisis centers joining together to create state coalitions, national organizations established

Today...



- Power and Possibilities of Survivors
 - *As leaders* in solutions
 - Breaking the Silence



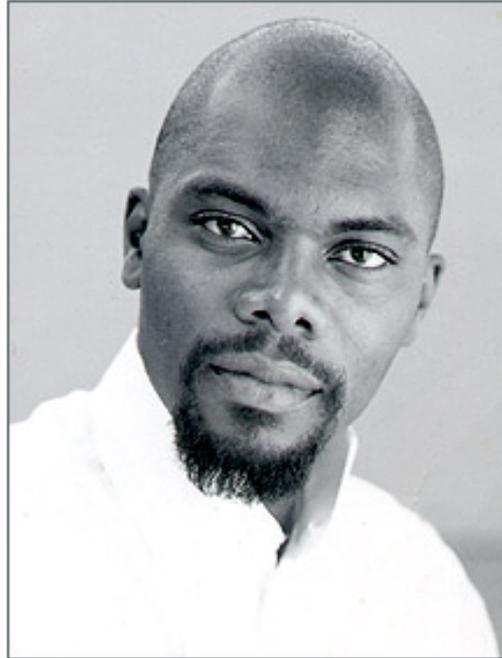
Secret Survivors

- Fired Up, 2014



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Not Alone...

- Allies
 - Others effected who address the ripple effects of harm & of hope
- Impact in other efforts
 - Breast Cancer
 - HIV/AIDS
- Addressing Intersections
 - of sexual abuse/violence with race, trauma and privilege



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Amita Swadhin

Presenters

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Amita Swadhin
Founding Director

Mirror Memoirs



Obstacles to Survivor Leadership

- Stigmatization of Survivors
- Ableism
- Nonprofit Professionalization
- Survivors are Seen as Clients
- Survivors are Pathologized



What Survivor Leadership Offers

- More space for the full truth to emerge
- Blind spots are decreased
- Strategies are based on reality, not theory
- Examples from other movements



Is Just Being A Survivor Enough?

- The danger of a single story:
 - Megan's Law (Megan Kanka)
 - Sexual Assault Survivors Rights Act (Amanda Nguyen)
- Whose stories are left out?
 - Center on Youth Registration Reform (Nicole Pittman)
 - Ky Peterson (Freedom Overground)
- We need to elevate leaders with lived experience AND intersectional praxis

Mirror Memoirs

- Mirror Memoirs was founded in 2016 through a Just Beginnings Collaborative Fellowship
- The project centers the narratives and leadership of LGBTQI people of color who survived child sexual abuse
- Components:
 - Advisory board
 - Audio archive
 - National gathering
 - Data compilation and dissemination



Text Chat Question



What can you/your agency do to better support survivor leadership for social justice?



Ahmad Greene-Hayes
Founder and Executive Director

Children of Combahee



Children of Combahee

- **Children of Combahee is:**
 - a newly founded project, funded by the Just Beginnings Collaborative
 - mobilizes against child sexual abuse in Black churches using womanist pastoral and theological methods

Children of Combahee

- Named after Harriet Tubman's 1863 Combahee River Raid, and the 1970s radical black feminist organization of survivor activists (the Combahee River Collective)
- This project builds on a longstanding legacy of resistance, healing, and communal reckoning around issues of racial, sexual, and gendered violence in black communities



Toni Morrison

Award--winning author Toni Morrison writes in her newest book, *God Help the Child*:

“What you do to children matters.
And they may never forget it”



Survivors Make Up The Church...

“Every congregation contains victims of sexual violence. Every church with women, men, boys, girls, or the elderly contains victims of sexual violence. Whether an individual confides in the church leaders, family, or friends, or chooses to remain silent, there is no church void of the people whose lives are changed by experiences of sexual violence. Because every church contains persons affected by sexual violence, the church must respond. Because sexual violence affects every aspect of our communities, including our religious and spiritual lives, the church must respond. Because silence is a response of tolerance, the church must respond.”

-- The Rev. Dr. Monica Coleman, *The Dinah Project*



Our FIVE main objectives

- **ONE:** Clergy, parents, caregivers and other community members are provided knowledge and tools for:
 - **recognizing** child sexual abuse,
 - **addressing** child sexual abuse, &
 - **preventing** child sexual abuse



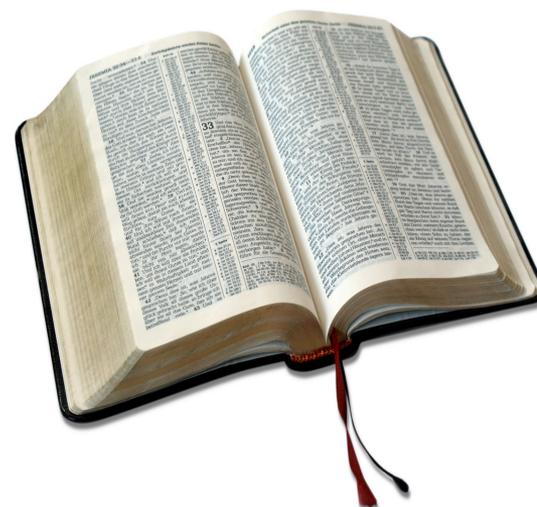
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TWO: Black churches are taught how to **reimagine the pulpit as a tool of antirape activism**, especially as it pertains to ending child sexual abuse, **versus its historic phallic symbolism of rape apologist leanings**

Our FIVE main objectives

- **THREE:** We call on Black churches to think about
 - **the implications of theologies that both endorse and/or deny the prevalence of child sexual abuse**
 - Clergy are encouraged to create innovative sermons that compel congregants to be more intentional about ending child sexual abuse in their homes and communities



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Gathering Women. Strengthening Voices. Proclaiming Justice.

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**BLACKWOMEN'S
BLUEPRINT**



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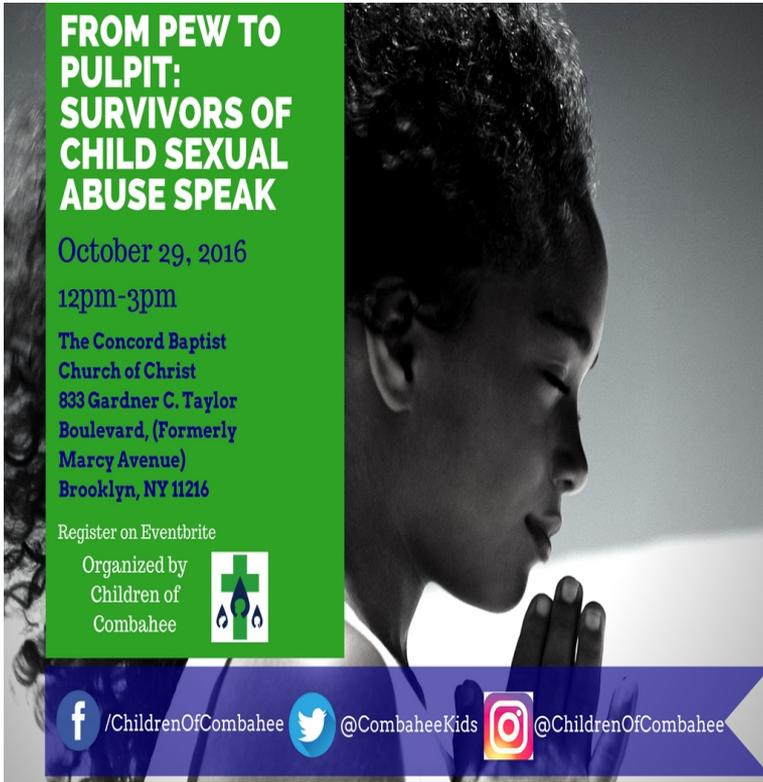
The Concord Baptist Church of Christ
CREATING A COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS, WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

FOUR: We partner with other organizations and activist groups that:

- do work around sexual violence in the Black church
- to find areas of overlap and to ensure that children's voices and narratives are included in all organizing efforts



Our FIVE main objectives



**FROM PEW TO PULPIT:
SURVIVORS OF
CHILD SEXUAL
ABUSE SPEAK**

October 29, 2016
12pm-3pm

The Concord Baptist
Church of Christ
833 Gardner C. Taylor
Boulevard, (Formerly
Marcy Avenue)
Brooklyn, NY 11216

Register on Eventbrite
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- **FIVE:** We host public town halls in black churches where:
 - survivors are offered space to share their testimonies and
 - find healing in community

Text Chat Question



How does this fit or differ with other faith based efforts?

Discussion with Speakers



Take Away



**TAKE ONE
ACTION!**





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