
Introducing:

“Resources for Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention”

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The Members of WHOLE Disciples invite you to learn about Resolution GA-1928 A Call to See and Respond to the Crisis of Domestic & Intimate Violence



The Members of WHOLE Disciples include:

Rev. Courtney Armento

Rev. Yvonne McCoy, *in memoriam*

Rev. YaNi Davis

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– Meet The Co-Authors of GA-1928



Rev. Courtney Armento



Rev. Yvonne D. McCoy

WHOLE Disciples Milestones

July 2019

Adopted GA-1928 at
General Assembly

February 2020

Working with NBA to
develop WHOLE

2019

2020

September 2019

Tethered1.org content and
Un*Silence Domestic
Violence training and
resources launched.

October 2020

WHOLE Presenting to
Regional Assemblies



What is WHOLE doing?

Providing
accessible
specified
education to
clergy

Providing
engaging Healthy
Relationship
workshops for
teens and young
adults

Providing resources
and a blueprint to
successfully support
those suffering in
your midst

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Story Telling:

Rev. Dr. Crystal
Walker

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*How many pandemics are currently raging
in our collective social landscape?*



— *How many of you believe that
Domestic Violence is happening in
your community?*

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Let's look closer

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Based on the statistics,
one of these women is
keeping a secret about
living with abuse.

3 women per day
are killed by
current or former
partners ~ NNEDV



[Gemma Chua-Tran](#) on [Unsplash](#)



**Based on the statistics,
2 out of 3 children are
exposed to trauma and
violence.**

Based on the statistics, 1 in 4 men live with abuse.

Gender and
Non-Binary Folx
LGBTQIA +



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Based on the
statistics, 1 out of
3 teens experience
dating violence.

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Based on the statistics, 15.7% of seniors are subjected to abuse.

**Every 1 in 3 people experience
Domestic or Intimate Partner
Violence.**

**This is a Visual Representation
of what it looks like.**

**These numbers include our
congregations!**



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Excerpts from GA-1928

WHEREAS, DV/IPV are pandemic public health problems, which are **multigenerational, cyclical**, and threatens the fabric of family life in society

WHEREAS, DV/IPV occurs across age, ethnic, gender and socio-economic lines, educational levels, among persons with disabilities, and among both heterosexual and same-sex couples

• DV is subversive and is normalized in our culture through multi-media platforms

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Denial is the
most
problematic
stance in our
cultural
landscape
around abuse.



Why is Domestic Violence the best kept secret?

- *Shame
- *Stigma
- *Silence

Our work is to
Dismantle S3



What are we missing in our churches?



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What is
happening
in our
churches?



This is Real

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What are
we missing
in our
churches?

There was no
where for me to
turn. Far too
many survivors
experience this
deep isolation.

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Educational Imbalance!



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Why are hairstylists more well-trained than our pastors?

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**We Voted &
Adopted
GA-1928,
Here are our
collective
next steps**



GA-1928

- WHEREAS, John 10:10 states that Jesus came so that we “may have life and have it more abundantly,” something that victims of domestic and intimate partner violence (DV/IPV) are robbed of due to the abuse experience causing exponentially high rates of depression, despair, fear and trauma

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



● We Disciples, must recognize
our RESPONSIBILITY to help
prevent DV/IPV in all it's
expressions.

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● Connect with local agencies for resources, offer multi-lingual, abuse specific resources in your church restrooms and on your websites.

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● Pastors and Laity should be trained specifically around PROPER SENSITIZED ABUSE SPECIFIC RESPONSE.

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

- All expressions of the church encourage youth camps and ministries to incorporate healthy relationship, self worth and healthy boundary content with age appropriate relationship red flag awareness in their programs.



- GA 1928

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



- All expressions of the church are encouraged to increase their efforts to shatter shame, stigma & silence by preaching and teaching responsibly on the topic of DV/IPV. Work together to dismantle a cultural landscape where domestic violence can thrive and hide.

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GA-1928 Invites You To...

1. Ask your region to put DV resources for your area on their website and email newsletters
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



You can get started on your journey of empowered Un-Silencing by:

- Visiting TETHERED1.ORG/Resources. The tools you need are all there for you.
- Take the 5 hour self guided online course “Un*Silence Domestic Violence” to educate yourself and your laity- visit <https://www.thresholdsofthesoul.org/unsilence>
- For free sermons on domestic violence, visit <https://sojo.net/sermon/series/100-sermons-violence>





AWARENESS

TOOLKIT/

[HTTPS://NNEDV.ORG/GET-INVOLVED-](https://nnedv.org/get-involved-)

You do not have to wait for these months

Please do not stay silent during these months



**CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH**

and

**Sexual Assault
Awareness Month**



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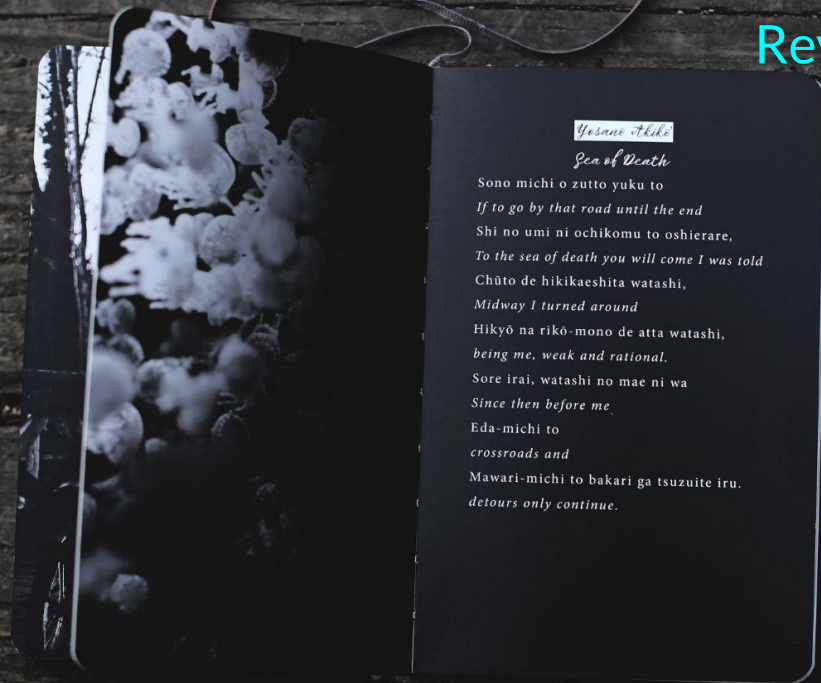


Q & A:



A Poetic Moment

Rev. YaNi Davis



Yasano Atsuko

Sea of Death

Sono michi o zutto yuku to
If to go by that road until the end
Shi no umi ni ochikomu to oshierare,
To the sea of death you will come I was told
Chûto de hikikaeshita watashi,
Midway I turned around
Hikyô na rikô-mono de atta watashi,
being me, weak and rational.
Sore irai, watashi no mae ni wa
Since then before me
Eda-michi to
crossroads and
Mawari-michi to bakari ga tsuzuite iru.
detours only continue.

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**“A Movement to Eradicate
Domestic and Intimate Partner
Violence”**

**Reach us at
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*You cannot help heal what you don't
understand.*

