

THE HOPE OF SURVIVORS

2020 Annual Report

Assisting victims of clergy sexual abuse and misconduct, as well as providing educational and informational materials and seminars to clergy, church leaders and congregations of every denomination and faith community, worldwide.

Celebrating 18 Years of Service 2002-2020

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The History of The Hope of Survivors

The year 2020 marked the 18-year anniversary of The Hope of Survivors, which was born one evening in December 2002, as Steve and Samantha were reflecting upon their own experience of clergy sexual abuse and the lack of resources that were available to help them understand and heal at that time. They felt compelled to develop a website that would provide information and encouragement to anyone who may be searching for answers. Steve and Samantha felt if “just one person” could be helped by the website, then it would be well worth the effort and pain they had gone through. While Steve and Samantha’s vision was initially limited in thinking “just one,” the Lord knew how many hurting people there were—suffering all alone and living without hope. As you will see in the remainder of this report, there are many “ones” out there who have been touched and blessed by the ministry of The Hope of Survivors. Truly, God does work all things together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

About The Hope of Survivors

The Hope of Survivors is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting victims of clergy sexual abuse and misconduct of all denominations and faith communities, as well as providing educational and informational materials and seminars to clergy members, church leaders and congregations worldwide.

The Hope of Survivors is a registered California Public Benefit nonprofit corporation and is authorized to conduct business in the states of Wyoming, Ohio and Texas as a foreign corporation under the same name. *La Esperanza de los Sobrevivientes*, the Latino Division of The Hope of Survivors, is registered in the state of Texas. The Hope of Survivors also maintains official offices with volunteer staff in Australia (registered NGO), Romania (registered NGO), Canada (registered NGO), the Philippines, South Africa (registered NPO), Trinidad & Tobago, and the UK.

Professional memberships include: American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC), Outpost Centers International (OCI); Adventist Association of Family Life Professionals (AAFLP), and Adventist-laymen’s Services & Industries (ASI). The Hope of Survivors has been recognized as a Platinum Valued Partner by GuideStar Exchange and has received the Top-Rated Nonprofit Award for 2012-2020.



Why The Hope of Survivors?

Many people wonder if, and why, there is a need for The Hope of Survivors. They tend to see this as a small issue with few victims and, therefore, no need for an organization that addresses such a difficult topic. From our perspective—and from that of the victims we serve around the world—the need for The Hope of Survivors is very great because the prevalence of clergy sexual abuse is also very great.

New victims regularly contact The Hope of Survivors for emotional and spiritual support, either directly through our website, or through Facebook and one of our groups or pages online. Thousands of people visit the website each month. That tells us there are many victims who find the information and support they need directly through the website. Let's allow the victims to speak for themselves about the need for and importance of The Hope of Survivors:

“Your ministry has been a great blessing to our lives. Thanks for all that you do.”—Spain

“I'm in tears after just viewing your documentary [Call It Anything But Love!]. After having endured the life of a pastor's mistress for 15 years, I was gasping all the way through, as I could relate on sooo many levels. What a powerful testimony! God is so awesome, and I so thank Him for both you and your husband and the path that He placed you on. Wow! I'm almost speechless!”—TN, Karenreid.org

“I just got a chance to finally sit down and watch this while the kids sleep. I am so blessed by this. I thank God for what He has done in your life and Steve's and how he has given you both the strength to do what you are doing for his glory. Most of all, I am so glad that you both know Jesus. Praying for you both and so thankful for you. God has used this ministry to help save my life. May you continue to be encouraged.”—FL

“You might not be aware of how grateful and relieved I am that you responded, and in the way you did! I felt (and feel) so desperate, feeling there is no one in my immediate environment that can grasp what is going on, including myself. Receiving your email has touched me deeply, giving me some sense of someone able to understand the complexity of emotions and feelings, not being all alone in this. ...thank you so much...for the wonderful work you and your organisations are doing. I am so grateful I have found you guys and look forward very much to share more.”—The Netherlands

“The Hope of Survivors (THOS) is the greatest source of hope and healing for every person impacted by clergy sexual abuse, but particularly for adults.”—NY

“As a senior pastor it was deeply disturbing to hear from a congregant that she had been sexually exploited by a former member of our clergy staff. With few local resources available to assist, it was wonderful to hear of the support she received from your charity, support that has continued over the 10 years since. I'm pleased to be able to thank you through this word of support for the ministry you continue to offer to victims of clergy sexual abuse. God bless you!”—Pastor

“Thank you for serving and helping us. You were the first to help us understand what happened. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry.”—WI

As you can see, when you financially support The Hope of Survivors, you are enabling us to produce resources that will help victims recover from the devastating trauma and effects of clergy sexual abuse. You help us to educate clergy and church leaders about the issue and facilitate prevention of the abuse. You save lives and marriages. You help change the faith community by enabling us to bring about greater awareness of this issue through exhibiting at conventions, speaking engagements, etc. Thank you for partnering with The Hope of Survivors as we continue to bind up the brokenhearted and set the captives free (Luke 4:18).

Description of Mission, Services & Programs

The Hope of Survivors takes a faith-based, scriptural approach to helping victims understand the devastation of clergy sexual abuse and how they can receive healing and wholeness by God's grace. It is our mission and prayer that, through our website, educational seminars, one-to-one communication (phone, email and in person), media, printed resources and occasional in-house programs, you will find answers and the truth about what's happening to you. The Hope of Survivors seeks to:

- (a) Educate the victims, clergy, church body and the general public about clergy sexual abuse and misconduct, the frequency of occurrences, the moral and social implications involved and the devastating consequences through national media, by disseminating brochures and other related materials, conducting educational seminars, and by maintaining up-to-date websites;
- (b) Conduct retreats and seminars specifically for the victims of clergy sexual abuse and provide one-on-one support for the purpose of facilitating their healing and recovery, and helping them to gain a greater understanding of what has happened to them, giving them hope and encouragement, and restoring their faith in their Creator;
- (c) Work closely with churches that are dealing with the after-effects of an abuse situation for the purpose of helping them to understand the importance of providing a safe environment for all and for understanding the dynamics of clergy sexual abuse so that the church and the victim are not further damaged in the aftermath;
- (d) Provide training seminars for clergy and church administrators for the purpose of disseminating prevention information and encouragement, and to work closely with those who have violated their sacred trust.

In short, the mission of The Hope of Survivors may be summed up in the motto:

Reaching the Hurting... Ministering to those who have suffered abuse at the hands of clergy.

Calling the Faithful... Providing resources and support to church leadership to help them remain true to their high calling.

Bridging the Gap... Leading the hurting to hope through a healing relationship with Christ.

Organization Funding

The Hope of Survivors is funded by individuals who support the mission and goals of the organization; survivors of clergy sexual abuse who desire to use their means to help others; and by grants from private individuals and foundations whose values are similar to those of The Hope of Survivors. Grants previously awarded include: Versacare, The William R. Dally Foundation, the McNabb Foundation, ASI Mid-America and the HOPE Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime. Contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Your support is greatly appreciated. The Hope of Survivors does not receive any denominational subsidies.



Statement of Financial Position — As of December 31, 2020

ASSETS	<u>Dec. 31, 2020</u>
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 — Cash — HOPE Checking — US Bank	\$4,778.81
1075 — Cash — Hold — Canada Division	\$0.00
1082 — Cash — Hold — Gothard Victims	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$4,778.81</u>
Total Current Assets	\$4,778.81
Fixed Assets	
1600 — Equipment	\$10,785.86
1690 — Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(\$9,482.00)</u>
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,303.86
Other Assets	
1810 — Start-up Expenses	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$8,082.67</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
2300 — Credit Card Liability	
2310 — Company Credit Card—Capital One	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total 2300 — Credit Card Liability	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Credit Cards	\$0.00
Other Current Liabilities	
2150 — Accrued Expenses (Other)	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
3010 — Unrestrict (retained earnings)	\$14,194.83
3015 — Temporarily Restricted	\$0.00
Net Income	<u>(\$6,112.16)</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$8,082.67</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$8,082.67</u>

Statement of Activities — January through December 2020

Ordinary Income/Expense	<u>Jan – Dec 2020</u>
Income	
4000 — Contributions	\$30,493.34
4001 — Grants	\$13,000.00
4002 — Contributions — Temp Restricted	\$719.93
4050 — Fundraising Income	\$498.00
4100 — Sales	\$14.90
4400 — Miscellaneous Income	\$160.68
4500 — Interest Income	<u>\$1.69</u>
Total Income	\$44,888.54
Expense	
6000 — Salaries	\$25,641.05
6010 — Payroll Taxes	\$1,961.55
6050 — Professional Fees (6051 — Legal \$0.00 / 6050 — Prof. Fees \$39.14)	\$39.14
6060 — Books & Education	\$5,476.88
6070 — Bank Charges	\$294.10
6075 — Finance Charges	\$1,123.47
6090 — Donations	\$1,715.22
6100 — Rent	\$0.00
6120 — Telephone & Internet Services	\$2,003.11
6130 — Dues & Publications	\$688.95
6150 — Licenses & Fees	\$82.00
6160 — Insurance	\$2,338.00
6200 — Office Supplies	\$1,293.38
6220 — Collection Service	\$486.37
6230 — Postage	\$788.08
6240 — Printing & Publishing	\$406.00
6245 — Software	\$175.89
6400 — Advertising	\$2,282.54
6410 — Domain Registration	\$209.53
6420 — Travel	
6421 — Lodging	\$0.00
6422 — Airfare	\$0.00
6423 — Car Rental & Other Auto Expense	\$175.49
6424 — Fuel	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total 6420 — Travel	\$175.49
6430 — Meals & Entertainment — Other	\$52.61
6500 — Victim Assistance	
6500 — Victim Assistance	\$1,200.00
6501 — Gothard Victim Assistance	<u>\$788.04</u>
Total 6500 Victim Assistance	\$1,988.04
6510 — Gifts	\$576.80
6560 — Payroll Expenses	\$526.50
6700 — Depreciation Expense	<u>\$676.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$51,000.70</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>(\$6,112.16)</u>
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Demographic Information By Denomination

The chart below reveals the 2020 demographics based on reported denominational affiliation. Contacts through Facebook and other social media sites have not provided demographic data and are not included in this report.

#	<u>Denominational Demographics</u>
1	Assembly of God
2	Baptist Church, Southern Baptist
1	Campus Ministry
2	Catholic Church, Roman Catholic Church
1	Christian Reformed Church
1	Coptic Orthodox Church
2	Institute for Basic Life Principles
1	Mission Field
3	Seventh-day Adventist Church
23	Undisclosed
	<u>Adjustment for fraction of percentages</u>
37	Total from 1/1/20 to 12/31/20

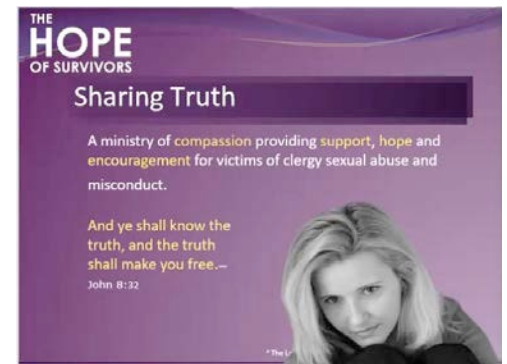
Notes:

- (1) These demographics do **not** include clients from previous years, who may still be receiving ongoing support from The Hope of Survivors, which happens often.
- (2) These demographics do **not** include secondary victims such as spouses, children, friends or relatives of the affected individual who contacted The Hope of Survivors, or the other victims of the same pastor of which the client was aware and made known to The Hope of Survivors.
- (3) These figures also do **not** include known cases where The Hope of Survivors has been consulted but has had no direct contact with the client. Thus, the total number served is **much greater** than these statistics cited.
- (4) The year 2020 averaged approximately 3 new, direct-contact clients per month (37 total). This figure is down by approximately 65% due to the shift in how clients reach out to The Hope of Survivors. More now come in contact with us through social media sites, than directly through our website as in the past.
- (5) These figures do **not** include Facebook members who seek help through our private support group online. In 2020, there were 172 members in the private group, plus another 1,179 members/followers in the group page, which is not private.
- (6) Same notes apply as stated above on following page.

Demographic Information By State/Country

The chart below reveals the 2020 demographics based on the state/country where the client resides. Throughout just 2020 there were **14** known states and **6** known countries (other than the U.S.) represented as of 12/31/20. Contacts through Facebook and other social media sites have not provided demographic data and are not included in this report.

<u>State</u>	<u>#</u>
Australia	1
California	1
Canada	1
Colorado	1
Kansas	1
Maryland	1
Massachusetts	1
Minnesota	1
Montana	1
North Carolina	2
North Dakota	1
Oklahoma	1
Romania	1
South Africa	1
South Carolina	1
Tennessee	3
Texas	2
The Netherlands	1
United Kingdom	1
Undisclosed	13
Washington	1
Total from 1/1/20 to 12/31/20	37



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The Hope of Survivors' Officers, Directors & Staff

With heartfelt gratitude and praise, we acknowledge our year-end 2020 Board of Directors and Volunteers for their immensely sacrificial service:

Board of Directors

Steve Nelson, President & Chairman (since 2002)
Samantha Nelson, V.P. & CEO (since 2002)
Martin Weber (since 2008)
Karen Fettig (since 2018)

Advisory Panel

Tom Lemon (since 2004)
Sandy Kirkham (since 2006)
Ted Vanderlaan (since 2011)

Volunteers (Main U.S. Volunteers)

Robert & Debbie Withrow (since 2004)—Accounting
Gail & Elgin Jenkins (since 2010)—Exhibitors/Speakers
Mary Jo Noworyta (since 2014)—OpEd Writer
Tammy Landry (since 2016)—Victim Support Services
Kyoko Sears (since 2017)—Exhibitor/Speaker
Tracye Brewer (2013-2014 and 2017-Present)—Exhibitor/Speaker
Raquel Mallett (since 2018)—Victim Support Services
Kia Hiepler (since 2019)—Exhibitor/Speaker
Kim Erickson (since 2019)—Victim Support Services

Latino Division

Shyleene Rosado (since 2007)

South Africa Division

Siyabonga Magadlala (since 2019)
Nicola Magadlala (since 2020)
Shalitha Magerman (since 2020)
Dr. Mbuyiselo Mbava (since 2020)
Philisiwe Mbava (since 2020)
Cordelia DeWaal (since 2020)

Australia Division

Coralie Roll (since 2006)
Arlagene Groves (since 2007)
Darren Tappouras (since 2011)

Trinidad-Tobago Division

Afryea Charles (since 2018)

Pastors' Wives Division

Jackie Jeldwyn (since 2017)
Chris Keaton (since 2020)

Canada Division

Daniel Saugh (since 2018)
Theresa McMaster (since 2018)
Rose Rogers (since 2018)
Nina Lim (since 2018)
Caroline Winship (since 2018)

Prayer Warriors

Dana Wimmer (since 2017)
Cristina Constantin (since 2018)

Romania Division

Maria Simionca (since 2013)
Cecilia Calin (since 2013)
Laura Fierbinteanu (since 2013)
Amala & Ioan Mararu (since 2012)
Ingrid Muller (since 2014)
Aurora Carmen (since 2016)
Iulia Bodorin (since 2018)
Gelu Grigore (since 2018)
Mariana Ciuciu (since 2018)

Day-to-day operations are primarily the responsibility of the CEO; however, each Director and Volunteer has a vital role in the ongoing development and advancement of the ministry and its goals. The Hope of Survivors is indeed indebted and greatly blessed by the involvement of each Director and Volunteer.

Exposure Information—Editorial / Media / Advertising

- *OCI Reports Magazine*
- *Rocky Mountain Conference News Nuggets*
- And many others!

Additionally, The Hope of Survivors continued to publish and distribute its quarterly newsletter, *HopeSpeak*, to approximately 2,500 individuals, and distributed materials through various avenues, including online orders, direct requests, conventions, conferences and other venues.



Conferences / Programs / Projects

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdowns, The Hope of Survivors was unable to conduct any in-person events, conferences or exhibits in 2020. However, we did host two virtual *Hope & Healing* conferences via Zoom—one for adult victims of clergy sexual abuse (hosted by Tammy Landry, Kyoko Sears and Martin Weber), and one for youth victims of clergy sexual abuse (hosted by Martin Weber, Sandy Kirkham and Kia Hiepler).



Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention™ Day Campaign

The Hope of Survivors conducted its 10th annual Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness & Prevention (CSAAP) campaign (<http://www.clergysexualabuseawarenessday.com>) by conducting daily social media awareness campaigns. This year the walkathons to raise awareness and funds were canceled due to COVID-19. Although CSAAP was initiated by The Hope of Survivors, many other individuals and organizations are part of this campaign to raise awareness of the issue of clergy sexual abuse and to fight to stop its prevalence among churches of all denominations. Several endorsements have been garnered from leaders in the fields of advocacy, research, law and social work, which helped lend additional credibility to the significance of the campaign.



It is the goal of The Hope of Survivors to see CSAAP become to clergy sexual abuse what pink ribbons have become to Breast Cancer Awareness. You can help us make that happen by sponsoring or hosting an event in your area, writing letters to the editor of your local newspaper, as well as mainstream media outlets. Just be sure to let us know your plans so we can assist you with promotion and materials!

Special Thanks...

The Hope of Survivors is deeply indebted and thankful to its Directors, Officers and Volunteers (listed on page 10) who served and supported the ministry in 2020. It is difficult to list the names of every individual or organization that has had a part in supporting or assisting the ministry in some way. There are many individuals who faithfully support this ministry in some way, and we are very grateful for you. Thank you all for your support and prayers!

We'd also like to say "Thank You" to our donors and to those who have donated their time, talents and services to help The Hope of Survivors conduct its programs and day-to-day operations. The Hope of Survivors would not be able to continue its operations and services for victims and churches if it were not for you.



“Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.”—Psalm

140:13