



SAFE SANCTUARY SEMINAR

The Church At Prison & United Christian Assembly Present
A Training Seminar for Church/Ministry Leaders & Prison Volunteers
On Developing and Maintaining Safe Sanctuaries



Learn how to be proactive, realizing there could be known and unknown, treated and untreated sexual offenders currently participating in church services and activities. Learn how to reach out to these people in Christian love. Learn how to supervise and or be a support person for them; learn how to deal with "situations" that commonly occur when dealing with them. Learn about the typologies, characteristics, offense patterns, and treatment for offenders. Learn to dispel the MYTHS and recognize the FACTS.

Date:

Saturday
April 9, 2011
8:00am-4:00pm

Location:

United Christian
Assembly, Raceway
Road, Jericho VT



Please RSVP by

April 4, 2011

(see Registration
Form)



Agenda

8:00 Registration and
continental breakfast

8:30 Opening prayer
& introductions

9:00 Georgia
Cumming clinical
presentation & super-
vision of offenders

11:30 Murray & Betty
Merlin - speaking
from experience

12:00-Lunch Provided

1:00-4:00 Developing
a Safe Sanctuary:
Pastor Pete and Jo
Fiske

Seminar Speakers

Georgia F. Cumming - Georgia Cumming is the Program Director of the Vermont Department of Corrections Sex Offender Treatment Programs, an integrated network of prison and community based programs. She was formerly a probation and parole officer and has worked in the field of sex offender management for over 26 years. Georgia has presented workshops extensively throughout the United States and Canada and has co-authored numerous journal articles and book chapters on the community supervision of sex offenders. She is the co-author of *Current Practices and Trends in Sexual Abuser Management*, and *Supervision of the Sex Offender* (a practical guide to working with sexual offenders for probation and parole officers.) She is a member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers as well on the Board of Directors for the Safer Society Press.



Pastor Pete and Jo Fiske - Pastor Pete is the founder and President of "The Church At Prison, Inc" (CAP) which established a church (The Church At NorthWest) in the prison in St. Albans, VT in 1992. After being widowed for two years, Pastor Pete married Joanne "Jo" in Dec of 2006 and she works full time in all aspects of the ministry which besides church, bible studies and pastoral counseling inside, also provides after care mentoring, transitional housing, support groups for released inmates and their families, a children's Bible program for inmate's children, etc. The prison in St. Albans had the Vermont Treatment Program for Sexual Aggressors (VTPSA) until 2009. Pastor Pete has worked closely with the program and its clients for 17 years and has become, to some extent, a specialist in dealing with "sex offenders". Pastor Pete and his team have sponsored training seminars in VT, ME, NH, MA & PA for Churches and Ministries working with released "sex offenders". They also work as consultants for churches in crisis because of sexual offenses or potential ones within the body.



Murray and Betty Merlin - Murray is on Staff with The Church At Prison. Murray and Betty have been working with incarcerated and released inmates for several years, taking some into their home to assist with transition from prison. Murray brings valuable experience to this seminar from the years he spent in treatment as a sex offender and his transition from prison back into the Christian community in 1996. Betty also brings valuable experience as the Christian wife who confronted Murray (a Church Deacon), with the help of her pastor, and then stood by him through arrest, conviction, incarceration, and release.

