

*It will be recognised at this church service that church communities have not always been places of refuge for deeply hurting people.*



*It will also be recognised that some churches are exemplary at supporting hurting people.*



*Sadly, there are those who have gone to their churches for help in situations of crisis however, who have felt let down and misunderstood.*



*Some have found it necessary to leave a*

*church community because they no longer felt safe there.*



*This church service is all about providing a safe place for the disenfranchised to reconnect with a church body and for all who attend to find a deeper experience with God.*



*This will be a regular style church service, with regular hymns, special music, regular prayers and sermon; the only difference being that people will hear titles of the different kinds of deep hurts that they may have experienced, mentioned from the pulpit.*

*This service will be facilitated in a low*

*emotional key, and will centre on Christ's mandate, described in Isaiah 61:1-3, for the church to be a place of refuge and healing for all.*

*Please be assured that no explications of these hurts will be talked about at any time during this church service.*

*There will also be an opportunity, for survivors of deep hurts to light candles of victory as overcomers, as a sign of encouragement for those who are still struggling with issues.*



*And there will be the opportunity to light candles of remembrance for those who have lost their lives in tragic circumstances of deep hurts.*

*I extend an invitation to all adults to attend this service, as a sign of support for all abused, oppressed and exploited peoples in the world at this time.*

**This is a ministry of the Church that recognises, believes and supports those in situations of deep hurt.**

**The following represent those who have been served by this ministry so far:-**



*Women and men who have experienced domestic violence*



*Those who knew a loved one who died because of abuse and oppression*



*Those who weren't believed or protected*



*Survivors of childhood sexual abuse*



*Those who suffered elder abuse*



*Those who have experienced rape*



*Those who lost their baby because of abuse.*



*those who grieved the loss of a child*



*Children who have been abused by those who should have loved them the most*



*Spiritual abuse*



*Non-offending parents of sexually abused children*



*Those who suffer Secondary Trauma*

*It is recognised, that for a few people, who are still in the midst of a traumatic circumstance, attendance at a service where this is the subject matter, may be too hard for you at this time.*



*But others may have waited for years to hear the very thing that they have been through, being talked about from the pulpit.*



If you have any questions or concerns.

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*You are invited to an*

***INTERDENOMINATIONAL  
Service of  
Spiritual Reconciliation  
& Healing of Abuse***



*"Let anyone who is thirsty com to me." John 7.37  
at the old Central Seventh-day  
Adventist Church building*

*on*

***Victoria St. (just off 8<sup>th</sup> St.)***

*in*

***Saskatoon***

*on*

***Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup>  
at 3:00 pm***