

Educational Seminar on Intimate Partner Violence for Representatives of Religious & Faith Based Communities

The **North Shore Women's Centre** welcomes you to join us in a workshop for spiritual leaders, individuals who provide counsel or pastoral care and work with members in their faith-based community.

When: Wed, April 27th, 2016 - 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

* This event is free

* Lunch will be served

Location: North Shore Community Resources
935 Marine Drive, Community Room
(2nd Floor, Capilano Mall), North Vancouver

One in three women will experience physical or sexual violence from an intimate partner, and a higher percentage will experience emotional or psychological abuse. Statistically, the first person a woman of faith will turn to is her pastor, minister, priest, imam, rabbi or spiritual leader. As a leader in your church, synagogue, mosque or spiritual community, you are a critical, front line worker in supporting women experiencing abuse.

In this training event, we will explore patterns of abuse and the many types of abuse. We will also discuss the "impacts of abuse". These are normal human reactions that women have to being oppressed and terrorized. We invite you to come and receive the opportunity to strengthen your knowledge, further develop your skills, and learn about other support resources that are available in the community.

For more information and to register, please contact the North Shore Women's Centre at 604.984.6009 or info@northshorewomen.ca



The seminar will be facilitated by Karen McAndless-Davis.

Karen has been providing support, advocacy and counseling for women with experiences of abuse for almost 20 years. She is the co-author of the book, *When Love Hurts: A Women's Guide to Understanding Abuse in Relationships*.

Karen is an experienced trainer and facilitator, has a busy private practice, and has started support groups for women throughout the Lower Mainland.

Karen is a pastor in the Presbyterian Church of Canada and seeks to have her faith shape her support of women who have been abused.