

## Survey comments during the closing session with Oliver Williams

**Given all that you have heard over the past few days, what do you plan to do to integrate this into your work?**

- Supplement training, I do for faith leaders with new and updated information I have absorbed.
- Coming from a secular agency. Create more relationships with local church leadership to better support survivors
- Build a few stronger connections with people I met here
- Create a state-wide stakeholder group for clergy; train them, create resources; get them talking in their communities
- Meet with exec pastor of my church, a friend, to call us to train and respond better to DV
- Reach out to communities of faith as a victim advocate
- Will share lessons learned with staff
- Continue to develop resources and provide training to pastors
- Add a faith component to the BIP
- I will meet with my pastor and ask to provide DV training to our vestry
- Coordinate more with my DV shelter
- I will be talking to Local clergy members in my community
- Write a blog for our church denomination

**What are your challenges in moving forward?**

- Funding that will allow us to devote the time that is needed to adequately do the job and trainings
- Finding time to develop needed trust
- Being a female egalitarian, finding opportunities to educate and share in faith communities when complementarian males seem to be more in demand
- Educating male pastors to gain their support and involvement in protocol with DV and holding perpetrators accountable for their behaviors. Reduce denial and/or avoidance of the issue.
- Connecting with others in a relatively insular context
- Trying to find a way into the faith community with a team of non-believers.
- I've got to get in my word more so that I can be as prepared with scripture as Bishop, Chris, and J.R.; so the challenge for me is making sure I put that as much as a priority my research/on the ground efforts.
- Time to think creatively and plan well.
- Securing time to approach church leadership.
- Continue to train on the Duluth Model and bias bystander trainings. Begin to organize men in my community to change culture by speaking up & becoming allies.
- Barriers to getting invited into churches beyond brief talks about our mission and taking a collection for us. That's great, but can we have more time for training leadership and youth, parents, etc.
- Prioritizing work amid a variety of challenges.
- Unwillingness to believe that it happens in their church.
- Gaining momentum by getting church leaders to buy in.
- Time, money...and more time.
- Building on what we have - connect I
- Capacity of faith community, getting them to understand the impact they can have

- Identifying allies in faith leaders
- Work capacity for me and the clergy
- Limited time & resources

**What do you need in order to move forward?**

- A community of support
- Collaboration/ partnering with BIPs and survivor programs when reaching out to communities of faith
- Time to process and people to partner with.
- Sample or best faith policies on how to handle DV (with accountability for perpetrators, and support and referrals for survivors) would be helpful
- A network of those us doing DV work in the church, so we can stay connected and share resources.
- Kindred souls addressing the work.
- Toolkits, guides, and trainings that help establish policies and programs for communities of faith to prevent IPV and SA.
- Support.
- Males in the movement and church making room for and partnering with us females doing the work.
- It's a matter of compiling resources and getting down to the task of writing one specific to our denominational pastors.
- Clear direction about next steps
- Agency support, permission, funding, time
- A plan, developed in collaboration with a few good people.
- Funding that will allow us to devote the time that is needed to adequately do the job and trainings
- Courage.