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July 21, 2024

An Insite Into Human Trafficking

August 10, 2024 10:00 am—3:00 pm

St. Paul's UCC, Douglassville

Joe Birli, CEO of Bethany Children's Home, will offer a first-hand perspective of familial Human Trafficking as that is happening in our local communities and around the nation. Participants will learn how young people are targeted and groomed over generations along with therapeutic interventions and shared experiences of victims trafficked that have survived to live successful lives.

Clinical case studies, a review of the personal and professional journey of a familial human sex trafficking individual will be shared and discussed to help participants understand how human trafficking happens around us, and how grooming has changed through the decades (with use of technology).

Further exploration into the need for advocacy, funding, creating safe harbor laws and prevention programs, as well as training opportunities in assessment and treatment will be discussed. After attending this session, participants will have encountered the lived experience of one specific individual who has survived being trafficked through a familial trafficker. Participants will hear the journey of horror and healing, and how people can use impactful interventions for trafficking trauma, allowing for individuals to not remain captive to their trafficking experiences.

(**Session Disclaimer:** The stories and case study for this session include some graphic and disturbing material, therefore, participants should be aware prior to attending for potential trauma triggers and take precautions for self-care).

To register: Go to psec.org, click on the Events & News tab, click on the Calendar and go to August 10th for registration information.

SAVE THE DATE—October 12th

FREE Workshop for Pastors and Lay Members!

Fractured Lives, Fractured Churches

American society is fracturing as more and more families experience estrangement with their loved ones. Tensions in American public life affects their private lives and vice-versa. Americans lack a shared identity, disagree on the nation's purposes, values, and history, and are becoming more and more intolerant of those with whom they disagree. Estrangement in private lives often leads to intense tribalism in public life. Anchored in Family Systems, the workshop is designed to help leaders understand phenomenon of estrangement, how it comes about and how can the church be a gathering place for restoration and healing.

This Workshop Will Help You/Your Church…

- Learn how estrangement has played a role in the life of your church and family
- Transform estrangement into restoration and healing
- Learn how to have meaningful relationships with individuals with different opinions
- Overcome triablism to view the world through a more unified lens

Who Will Benefit:

- **Clergy** who are interested in learning a proactive approach to managing estrangement in their church
- **Church lay leaders** who want to gain confidence in their position and how to best manage challenges
- **Anyone** interested in learning how to manage self and become a positive representative for the church

This will be an all-day, in-person workshop.

Look for the registration link to be available soon!