**LAKE COUNTY CONFERENCE FOR PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS**

***BIBLICALLY-BASED BEST PRACTICES FOR ADDRESSING***

***DOMESTIC ABUSE IN A CONGREGATION***

**March 20, 2019**

**AGENDA**

**8:00 am Registration**

**8:30-8:35 Welcome** – Pastor Chris Stephens, Senior Pastor, Gurnee Community Church

**8:35-8:40 Introduction** –Damaris Lorta, Chief Development Officer, A Safe Place and

Charlene Quint, Family Law Attorney, Charlene D. Quint, Counselor at Law, LLC

**8:40-8:50 Worship** – Mike Rancharan, Worship Director, Gurnee Community Church

**8:50-9:15 Opening Remarks** – Pastor Neil Schori, Senior Pastor, The Edge Church, Aurora, IL

**9:15 – 10:45 am Overview of Domestic Abuse** - Damaris Lorta and Charlene Quint

Domestic Violence by the Numbers – Overall Statistics

Characteristics of an Abuser

Types of Abuse

            Emotional/Verbal

            Financial

            Physical

            Sexual

            Spiritual

Confronting an Abuser

Cycles of Abuse

Effect of Abuse on Women and Children

Why Does a Woman Stay?

What to Expect from an Abuser when She Leaves

Questions and Answers

**10:45 – 11:00  Break**

**11:00 – 11:45 A Biblical Response to Domestic Abuse** - Charlene Quint and Damaris Lorta

What a Church Can and Should Do to Support a Domestic Abuse Victim

Common Mistakes to Avoid

            What About Redemption? What Does is Look Like? What Doesn’t it Look Like?

What About False Accusations?

What About Divorce? Healing? Forgiveness?

Questions and Answers

**11:45-12:15 Establishing a Domestic Abuse Ministry** – Father Charles Dahm O.P.,

Director of Domestic Violence Outreach, Chicago Archdiocese

**12:15-12:30 Personal Story and Closing Remarks** – Charlene Quint

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**Host: Gurnee Community Church**