

Pregnancy Loss & Unresolved Grief

A conference to equip therapists, clergy, counselors and others with the tools they need to deal with grief issues following abortion in order to provide hope and healing.

Who Should Attend

Psychologists, Clergy,
Counselors, Pastoral Care Ministers,
Therapists, Ministry Leaders,
Social Workers, Chaplains,
Nurses, Abortion Recovery Staff,
Church Staff, Ministry Volunteers,
Counseling Center Staff

CEUs Available

6.5 Continuing Education Hours

Date/Time/Location

Friday, May 1, 2009
Fort Worth Botanic Garden
Fort Worth, Texas 76107
8:30 am to 5:00 pm

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Rachel Ministries...spiritual and emotional healing for hearts and spirits broken from abortion.

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A Time to Listen
A Time to Heal



Techniques and Training
Hope and Healing After Abortion

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Description of Conference

Over 35 million women have had one or more abortions, and as a result many struggle with feelings of grief, shame, guilt, feeling judged by others – and more. Social taboos stifle discussion of abortion-related feelings. Women are left feeling isolated, and their recovery is inhibited. Clinicians and clergy continue to see women and men who left their abortion experience with a genuine sense of horror over the death of their children.

This important, one-day conference will help professionals learn more about the underlying issues that accompany the trauma of abortion loss, and promote awareness of some of the grief issues following abortion in order to provide hope and healing. There will be breakout sessions for clinicians and clergy to discuss issues specific to each healing profession.

Register for the Conference!

Registration \$65

(if received by April 17, 2009)

Late Registration \$85

(if received after April 17, 2009)

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Name _____

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I would like a CEU Certificate Yes _____ No _____

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www.racheltx.org/2009_Conference_EL8S.php

Conference Objectives:

- Outline symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder as they relate to abortion
- Explore issues relevant to the clergy's role in post-abortion ministry such as repeat confessions, transference, boundaries, and more
- See the importance of clergy connecting the post-abortive person to a larger support system
- Understand how pregnancy loss may be a contributing or causative factor in depression, anxiety, PTSD, eating disorders, marriage and family problems, or other problems that may bring women to professional counseling
- Explore the effects of abortion on men, relationships and families
- Understand why the mental health community frequently fails to recognize post-abortion emotional distress and provide appropriate treatment

Presenters

Theresa Burke, PhD, LPC, NCP, is an internationally recognized expert on post-abortion trauma and healing and is the founder of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries. She is the author of the *Rachel's Vineyard* retreat and support group models for healing after abortion; *Forbidden Grief: The Unspoken Pain of Abortion* with David Reardon; *The Contraception of Grief*; and most recently *Grief to Grace — Reclaiming the Gift of Sexual Dignity*, a new retreat model for those who have been sexually abused. Theresa's counseling work has focused on women's issues, bereavement, pregnancy loss, sexual abuse, eating disorders and anxiety management.



Kevin Burke, MSS, LSW is Associate Director of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries and the Coordinator for Men's Outreach. Kevin has published numerous articles on the effects of abortion on men, couples and families. He is co-author of *Redeeming A Father's Heart* and *Grief to Grace — Reclaiming the Gift of Sexual Dignity*. Kevin formerly served as the administrator of a crisis pregnancy residence, which provides housing, computer job training and programs for women in crisis pregnancy and their children.

