



Welcome!

I'd like to personally welcome each of you to *Hope For Wholeness Network's First Annual Conference—Rising from the Ashes*. Much has happened; with the Defense of Marriage Act being overturned, right at the same time as our beloved Exodus International closed its doors after 38 years of ministry; we felt strongly that we needed to have this event to get together, rally around our shared vision, and encourage each other on our mission.

It was right after our board voted unanimously to create the Hope for Wholeness Network that I learned of Exodus' closing. I was saddened, but realized that this was a new day for us all. The Hope for Wholeness Network was birthed by Truth Ministry, with our desire to bring ministry leaders from around the country together, in unity with one singular message, regardless of ministry, of "Freedom from Homosexuality through Jesus Christ." He MUST be our focus to have true freedom. We must be careful not to set fixed expectations on what that freedom might look like, other than a daily repentant and dependent walk with Him.

This is certainly an exciting time for us, growing and adapting, remaining focused and responsive to the needs of those individuals who struggle with same-sex attraction within the Christian community. We all are confronting a time of many societal changes. We are meeting these changes during an unprecedented cultural shift away from long standing Christian principles on sexuality, marriage, and the family. We know from personal experience that the world of Christian ministry, in the field of same-sex attraction, is an intense area in which to work. We stand united and count it a honor to walk this journey with you and others.

As a part of the conference we have planned: wonderful worship, inspiring testimonies, and well known speakers and workshop teachers from around the country. In addition, we have the well known drama team **Acts of Renewal**. It is our desire to re-energize and engage you. We hope you will also attend an entertaining evening with **Stephen Baldwin** to inspire you, and give you an opportunity to give to this important work.

Let me give you a brief update on where we are today. We are transforming the way we operate Truth Ministry; going from being a regional ministry to national, with the launch of the Hope for Wholeness Network. Our goal is to reach all those who are hard at work on sharing "Freedom from Homosexuality through Jesus Christ." We want the Hope for Wholeness Network to be a landing place for people to utilize, as we work collectively as a family. We are developing strategic partnerships with Exodus Global Alliance, Focus on the Family, The Billy Graham Association, and other avenues for referrals and connections. We are working diligently on our website visibility. Lastly, we are updating the Hope for Wholeness curriculum and developing additional series, on top of our daily mission of counseling, facilitating support groups and maintaining a speaker's bureau.

I'd like to thank each of you for attending our conference. We pray that you are blessed in this time we are together and you leave the event encouraged. You are truly our greatest asset today and tomorrow, and we could not accomplish what we do without your support. Throughout this conference, I ask you to stay engaged, and consider partnering with us to help us shape the future of *The Hope For Wholeness Network*, and of course, bring Glory to God.

In Him,

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President, Hope for Wholeness Network