

Break The Silence Sunday Clergy Commitment

As a Christian pastor, as someone who tries to follow in the footsteps of Jesus of Nazareth, and as a human being committed to working for the dignity and equality of all people, I declare to survivors of sexual violence that:

- ♥ I am a person to whom you can tell your story of sexual abuse, harassment, assault, violence, and more.
- ♥ I will listen without judgement, and without condemnation.
- ♥ I will hold all you tell me in sacred confidence, within the bounds of law.
- ♥ I will listen to whatever you need to say, and however you need to say it.
- ♥ I will honor your story, and remind you of the dignity and worth you have as a child of God, created in God's own image, and I will remind you that you are more than your story.
- ♥ I will walk beside you on your healing journey, accompanying you as best as I am able, and as you need to counseling appointments, court dates, or wherever else you need me to be with you.
- ♥ I am here for you, and with you.
- ♥ I stand with you.
- ♥ I believe you.



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