

Closing Reflection

The faith community must reexamine the theological messages it communicates in light of the experiences of victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse. We must treat with extreme care the important, but often-misused, concepts of suffering, forgiveness, and the nature of marriage and the family.

Situations of violence and abuse exist in families in virtually every congregation; tragically, no church or community is exempt.

Book of Resolutions: Violence Against Women and Children, United Methodist Church