Sexual violence can affect anyone, even in our congregation!

Sexual violence is a CRIME!

Approximately 2/3 of assaults are committed by someone known to the victim.

44% of sexual assault victims are under the age of 18.

Many faithful Americans turn first to people they know and trust in their faith community for help . . . and HOPE. YOU can make a difference!

❖ Let the survivor know that the assault is NOT her fault.
❖ Listen patiently, compassionately, and without judgment.
❖ Refer the survivor to local sexual violence services and the hotline.
❖ Encourage the survivor to seek medical attention.
❖ Provide spiritual and physical support, and let him know that he is not alone.

For Immediate Help

Call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-4673/HOPE

The National Sexual Assault Hotline is free, confidential, and available 24/7. Language translation is available. Anyone can call. You do not have to give your name or identify yourself to receive help.

Call your local police, sheriff, or Village Public Safety Officer or DIAL 911 (where available)

Add local service provider information.
If there is no local information here, call the National Sexual Assault Hotline (1-800-656-4673/HOPE) and ask for services in your area.

Hearts and Hands
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