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United Church of Christ Faith Leaders
Montana and Wyoming

Dear Clergy and Lay Leaders,

Domestic violence is reaching epidemic proportions in our society and impacts not only individual families but entire congregations as well as the larger community. The Montana Board of Crime Control PDQ (Providers of Data Quality) statistics for 2007 show us that 13,000 victims of domestic violence were given 250,000 services in that year.

You have been hearing about the REMEDIES grant this past year and a half through articles in the MAC Messenger and through invitations to attend a REMEDIES regional conference. MAC is a partner on this grant and I serve as the Faith-Based Liaison.

In the process of moving forward with REMEDIES, I am seeking your help. I am conducting a survey as part of an effort to better understand the resources and needs of faith communities in Montana as they seek to address domestic violence both in their faith communities as well as the larger community.

This survey asks several important questions regarding one's knowledge and experience in addressing the issue of domestic violence and will give me a better sense of how to be of assistance to local congregations. The REMEDIES project offers an opportunity to bring education and training to your local community at no cost to you. I am interested in having personal input of pastors as well as that of the lay leaders who make up your pastoral care, in particular the Women's Ministry.

Please complete the survey at your earliest convenience and return it to me. The survey can also be found on the Faith-Based DV Liaison page of our web site www.mcadsv.com and I would appreciate you having other faith leaders in your congregation fill it out and email it to me at jreel@mcadsv.com.

I thank you for your help in gathering this information.

Sincerely,

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