



Remnant Community Outreach stands firm and unwavering in our position that domestic violence in any form is unacceptable. Physical abuse, emotional abuse, verbal abuse, sexual abuse, financial control, and spiritual manipulation are all violence. All of it is harm. All of it must end.

Globally, home is the most dangerous place for women. In the United States, three women are killed by their partners each day. In the past thirty days, our nation has been shaken by the killing of women, especially Black women, in their homes, workplaces, and communities. This is not coincidence. This is crisis. We will not be silent. We will not look away. We will not normalize violence. We will not over-spiritualize what is happening.

We grieve the women whose lives were taken by the very hands that claimed to love and protect them. We refuse to let their stories be minimized or overshadowed by the identities, titles, or narratives of those who harmed them. These are not isolated incidents. These are lives. Women who were loved. Women who were needed. Women who mattered.

We speak their names:

- ◆ Dr. Cerina Wanzer, Annandale, Virginia, by her husband in her home.
- ◆ Nancy Metayer Bowen, Coral Springs, Florida, by her husband in her home.
- ◆ Victoria Alexander, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, by her estranged husband at her workplace.
- ◆ Davonta Curtis, Chicago, Illinois, by her boyfriend in her home.
- ◆ Katlynn Roy, Tucson, Arizona, by her partner in front of her children in her home.
- ◆ Ashanti Allen, pregnant, Houston, Texas, by her partner in her home.
- ◆ Pastor Tammy McCollum, Charlotte, North Carolina, by her husband in her home.
- ◆ And there are many more in just the past thirty days.

As a community rooted in the belief that every person bears the image of God, we declare without hesitation that abuse is not love. Violence is not discipline. Control is not care. None of it is of God. We call on leaders across faith and secular spaces to break their silence and confront the ongoing harm against Black women now. Pulpits must speak. Communities must act. Silence enables harm. Silence protects abusers. Institutions can no longer be places where abuse is hidden, excused, or justified in the name of forgiveness, submission, tradition, titles, or appearances. The church must be a place of refuge and safety.

We are calling for immediate and visible commitment. Leaders must be trained to recognize and respond to abuse. Survivors must have access to safe havens and confidential pathways to seek help without judgment. Abusers must be held accountable without minimization. Faith communities must partner with organizations, therapists, elected officials, providers, and shelters to protect women. Every effort must center the safety and voices of survivors over reputation.

To every woman living in fear, you are not alone. You are not to blame. Your life matters. Help is available.

We will continue to speak. We will continue to act. We will continue to build systems that protect women, even when we must protect ourselves.

In Service to Human Justice,

Rev. Dr. Elise Saulsberry

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National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1 800 799 SAFE (7233). If you are in immediate danger, call 911.