



# COPE MINISTRIES



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Dear COPE Conversion Program Service Recipients,

I don't know if it will help you understand or empathize with me, the church, and/or mission for me to explain why we do what we do and provide services provided. But, one of the primary objectives of the church and mission is to practice and promote truth and virtue. And, empathy and compassion are both virtues to my understanding.

In considering what I'd want if our roles were reversed and I was placed in a conversion program or behavior modification program run by you, whether virtually or not, in the very least I'd want an honest explanation as to why such programs exist in the first place as well as specifics regarding justification for my placement. That is what I intend to provide with this letter.

There is market demand for conversion programs in both for profit and nonprofit sectors, including the COPE Conversion Program. For evidence of this see <https://www.cope.church/minorityreport.pdf> , <https://www.cope.church/mission.htm> , and <https://www.cope.church/fellowship.htm>. I understand for most of those enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program that this argument is satisfactory to you and I need not expand, but, will for those for whom this reason is not enough and does not reasonably justify economic violence or virtual NGO internment.

The Sponsors of those enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program (HEAL Mission Watch-List) are believed by me to be acting in good faith when expressly agreeing to placement where criteria for said placement has been met as is described in the enrollment agreement at <https://www.cope.church/enrollmentagreement.pdf> . And, I believe the efforts of the mission to verify and confirm the basis for placement is arguably unscientific, though the standard of practice. The reason is that with any enrollment I begin with a message from the prospective Sponsors and then look for information that reinforces or supports their message to help corroborate or strengthen their position and basis for the placement. The above two are the basis on which I try to build some trust for open communication between Sponsors and those enrolled in hopes that those enrolled will choose to meet the minimum Honesty In Marketing Standards (HIMS) both set and met by HEAL Mission and COPE. You can learn more about how to graduate and receive your HIMS certificate at <https://www.cope.church/standards.htm>.

The only criteria the COPE Conversion Program meets for enrollment in our own program is involuntary placement without a court order/due process. And, two criteria must be met for enrollment, but, since we meet the HIMS requirements ourselves, we've already arguably graduated and set our own standard which we hope the others in this field will adopt and graduate too. But, as shown with the guest sermon by Michael

Crawford at <https://www.cope.church/benchmarksermon.pdf> , merciful releases are not guaranteed and it is up to the Sponsors unless the placed parties choose to meet the HIMS requirements and graduate.

It's really important to not take program placement personally. For most enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program, all I know of you is what your Sponsors have reported and what I've been able to verify regarding validity or credibility of those reports. And, if you've seen any of the progress reports, including <https://www.cope.church/sbaprogress.pdf> , you should have a reasonable understanding of why you've been placed or enrolled. I'm open to feedback and discussion. Assuming I won't consider your position because of how and why you were enrolled is prejudicial and doesn't match my actual executive practices. See both feedback page at <https://www.cope.church/feedback.htm> and the merciful releases at <https://www.cope.church/conversion.htm> (bottom of page) for evidence.

For those enrolled who are actively protesting, even just virtually, your placement in the COPE Conversion Program, I empathize with you more than you could likely ever imagine. It is one of the worst feelings in the world for someone to assume the worst about you based on information you believe to be unfounded while they deprive (or attempt to deprive) you of your individual rights and liberties without due process at law. And, even though done artfully, virtually, and with full first amendment protections, still enough to piss even arguable peers off beyond belief. This is especially true where it impacts prospective business interests (including eligibility for enrollment in higher education). I protest that too.

I do my best to encourage all victims of torts and crimes to report it to the proper authorities and seek remedies at law. I also believe the public should be warned of known public offenders in the event such don't disclose their history where such knowledge may be important in decisions that may impact lives and livelihoods. So, I feel the COPE Conversion Program is fair enough given all the variables and market demand.

Mercy is also one of the many names of God, but, Wrath is God's too. Wrath is arguably the denial of mercy in its essence. God disclaims Wrath as part of God's essence and often recognizes other vices as attempting to corrupt God which God doesn't appreciate so to the extent the vices attack God, God may exhibit Wrath as the only vice any good person can reflect in the face of all of them where their reflection is all they recognize and communication has to start somewhere. But, you can see how responding in kind can lead to confusion for some at times, especially those who fail to read contracts, enrollment agreements, and/or fine print before handing over anything of value to those who did so read.

Now, if your argument for all the Sponsors is that they failed to get remedies at law and a court order but rather chose to enroll you involuntarily in the COPE Conversion Program for any reason which you find unacceptable, and therefore would claim the Sponsors are hypocrites because that's often the exact reason for the sense of injustice resulting in

social justice activism of any sort, then maybe now you empathize more too. Consider it experiential learning and I truly hope everyone benefits from it. Your ignorance and lack of progress is not on anyone but you. I make the information available and am willing to discuss it which includes responding to questions effectively.

If someone was hired to rape you and then told you "there is market demand for it and I was paid to do it" as the basis for why they did that, while also threatening to kill or harm you and your family if you reported any of it, would you hope a church and mission somewhere would take your confidential reports, verify through investigative journalism/reporting, and at least try to warn others about the organization or individual that did such things where you are credible and believable? In the event for any reason you didn't feel safe reporting to the proper authorities, like knowledge of reports of witnesses, victims, prosecutors, and even law enforcement being harassed, stalked, threatened, and/or killed, would you hope a church somewhere might pick up the slack? Welcome to COPE. (Sources on reasonable objective basis for victims to feel too scared to come forward include: "In 2007, almost half (47%) of prosecutors' offices had received a written threat, a threatening phone call, a face-to-face threat, or had staff who were victims of battery or assault." Source: <https://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=1749> additional sources: <https://www.odmp.org/search/year/2020>, <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1512>, and <https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/09/us/amber-guyger-witness-murder/index.html>

There are risks with this line of work and only truly honest and virtuous people would dedicate our lives to it unless just using the arguable mask of good as a storefront regardless of cultural influences to engage in organized crime including that which involves fraud and human trafficking.

I know what I'm doing and I'm okay with it though also recognize the prosecutors manage trauma better than I do. I'd so want to go full on renegade cop, RoboCop, or Judge Dredd on some people because of the horrifying harm they've done to others, particularly children and families. But, that's when I call on patience and due diligence (two additional names of God) to help me keep the pace and shut down as many offenders as possible to protect the public and get some semblance of justice for the victims and survivors acting as Sponsors for those enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program. That's just how I feel though, and how I think wins the day. So, that's why there are ways off the watch-list other than death/closure.

God Bless You,

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