

CONVERSION PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT: Still Waters Christian Boarding School AKA Solid Rock Boys Home FKA Happiness Hills in MS  
By Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE (<https://www cope church>) Dated: 6/9/21



The HEAL Mission of COPE has received 31 complaints from individuals and families alleging kidnapping, torture, emotional abuse, psychological abuse, beatings, solitary confinement/isolation, suicide attempts, medical neglect, one survivor reported via e-mail to the HEAL Mission "I also was a virgin when I went there, but didn't get my period and was beat because of that... I had friends who ran and got sent back...and one of them went completely mental, it was like she was possessed by a devil and she was handcuffed to a toilet for 21 days until all of a sudden she disappeared. I found her on Facebook 18 years later, I always thought they killed her... I still didn't conform to their religion. I never believed any of it. I knew it couldn't be real. No pants for women. My mother was totally brainwashed, oh and she was treated like a whore because I was born out of wedlock and was referred to as "the bastard" by several worker's there... There was also a man, Mike Cormier senior who admitted to raping his own teenage daughter and he remains a deacon or whatever they call it to this day and Pastor Michael's blamed the daughter, telling her she shouldn't wear her pajamas around the house, bizarre," censored/restricted/monitored communication with outside world/communication blackouts/held incommunicado, another survivor reported via e-mail to the HEAL Mission "I was held against my will at HH, where I witnessed extreme disciplinary beatings of children, handcuffing of children for extended periods, forced confession

services, children forced to eat enormous amounts of inedible things such as apple cores and potato peels, children were denied access to soap, deodorant, and hot water when they misbehaved. Children were forced to stand with their nose in a circle that was deliberately placed about three inches too high which forced the girls to stand on their very tip toes for a minimum of four hours and the child would receive one lick with the paddle for every time their heels touched the ground. I was a "room captain" and we were forced to memorize forty whole chapters of the King James Bible or we would be beaten. I remember when the Palmer's would take some girls on tour across country to raise money and procure more members, and they would leave Ms. Debbie and the Dyes in charge. It was on those nights we would be forced naked into the hall way and the humiliating discussions about our bodies would sometimes last all of the night. There was absolutely no means of communication with the outside world," PTSD/traumatic stress caused by Happiness Hills, and another survivor reported via e-mail to the HEAL Mission "I just woke up from yet another nightmare about this place. I jumped on the internet just to see if there were any other women who shared their experiences here" at Still Waters Christian Boarding School AKA Solid Rock Boys Home FKA Happiness Hills. Some of these complaints are referenced online and others remain confidential and on file with the church. With the intention of providing an opportunity for closure, clarification, and potentially peace, on 6/1/21 Rev. Angela Smith invited Still Waters Christian Boarding School AKA Solid Rock Boys Home FKA Happiness Hills victims (families and survivors) as well as staff whistleblowers to provide a guest sermon. That invitation read thus:

"Dear Still Waters Christian Boarding School AKA Solid Rock Boys Home FKA Happiness Hills Survivors and Families,

Still Waters Christian Boarding School AKA Solid Rock Boys Home FKA Happiness Hills (Still Waters) is on the HEAL Mission watch-list (of fraudulent and abusive programs) and enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program based on your reports to the HEAL Mission alleging fraud, abuse, and/or other violations. You can learn more or refresh your memory at <https://www.heal-online.org/thelist.htm> and/or <https://www.heal-online.org/happiness.htm>.

The HEAL Mission and COPE Conversion Program (for Conversion Programs) has updated our protocols to provide entities populating the watch-list and/or enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program three ways off the watch-list or out of the program. Death and/or closure remains one way after which they will be buried at <http://www.beyondbusiness.net/youarenext.htm> with the others who didn't make it off the list or reform in time. Programs enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program/placed on the watch-list are also eligible for graduation if they meet the minimum Honesty In Marketing Standards described and/or provided via hypertext link at <https://wwwCOPE.church/standards.htm>. The third option is merciful release. Merciful releases are determined by date of last directly reported to the HEAL Mission complaint (date of incident(s) of abuse), whether those incidents occurred prior to when by custom or law the requirement to retain such records has expired, and whether Sponsors (you) are actively participating or maintaining interest in holding your program accountable.

The most recent complaint the mission has received occurred in 2015 (if you were abused later than that then you did not include the dates of your enrollment when you contacted the HEAL Mission) on Still Waters/Happiness Hills. The custom is to retain such records for 10 years in Mississippi. So, the requirements for merciful release have not been met. This is an invitation for you to provide a guest sermon no later than Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 at 8pm Pacific if you wish to provide one rather than have a progress report posted at that time. For sermons (including guest sermons), see <https://www.cope.church/sermons.htm> and for progress reports see <https://www.heal-online.org>. Here's how to participate:

1. In the body of an e-mail message write out your complete sermon and include answers to the following questions:

Did you report fraud or other unlawful actions to the proper authorities? If not, why? If so, what happened with the reports? (So, 2 part question)

Why do you believe Still Waters/Happiness Hills/Solid Rock should remain enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program?

2. Send that guest sermon to me at [rev@cope.church](mailto:rev@cope.church) with your first and last name (full) and notify me if you wish for your contact information to be included or for all feedback to be handled by the mission and/or church. Your full first and last name will be shared along with your sermon as written and provided by you. It will be posted as a Guest Sermon at <https://www.heal-online.org> , <https://www.heal-online.org/happiness.htm> , and <https://www.cope.church/sermons.htm> .

If no one provides a guest sermon and there are no new complaints received by the HEAL Mission by December 31st, 2025, Still Waters/Happiness Hills/Solid Rock will receive a merciful release.

Thank you in advance for participating. And, please learn more about how to value your contributions at <https://www.cope.church/givetoday.pdf>.

In Solidarity,

Rev. Angela Smith  
HEAL Mission National Coordinator/Founding Mother of COPE"

Now, there was a vote on whether Still Waters Christian Boarding School AKA Solid Rock Boys Home FKA Happiness Hills should remain on the watch-list initiated on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 where all Sponsors of that program's placement in the COPE Conversion Program were invited to participate. The Sponsors unanimously voted against merciful release or the equivalent at that time. HEAL Mission and the COPE Conversion Program recognize participation in the vote in April as recent enough participation even if Sponsors prefer more time to consider, write, and/or provide any guest sermon. While we

understand this may be disappointing for Still Waters Christian Boarding School AKA Solid Rock Boys Home FKA Happiness Hills, it is the hope that this progress report helps explain the reasons for the continued enrollment/placement in the COPE Conversion Program. Additional or continued participation by Sponsors, including providing guest sermons or participating in future votes will impact whether or not the program qualifies for merciful release or remains enrolled. Lack of participation by Sponsors, where all other criteria for merciful release are met, will result in merciful release of the program.

Similar invitations will be going out to all survivor/victim/whistleblower e-mail lists regarding their respective programs placed on the watch-list. It may take some time to get through the entire list especially if enrollments pick up. But, we are working on it and everyone can submit Feedback at <https://wwwCOPE.church/feedback.htm> at any time regardless of position regarding program placement or enrollment.

To close, I remind everyone that there are remedies at law. Labor trafficking, rape, fraud (misleading marketing/false advertising), false imprisonment, kidnapping, battery, assault, and any crime or tort you could name are actionable at law. The HEAL Mission of COPE is prepared to assist all victims by providing reporting resources and information for the sake of justice and we appreciate all Sponsors who selflessly contribute content for the sake of informing the public to help those exercising due diligence avoid becoming a victim. Reporting Guide Available at: <https://wwwHEALonline.org/report.htm> and <https://wwwHEALonline.org/happiness.htm>.