

CONVERSION PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT: Masters Ranch in MO (WA-closed)
By Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE (<https://www.cope.church>) Dated: 7/14/21

The HEAL Mission of COPE has received 26 complaints from individuals and families alleging toxic work environment, fraud, deceptive marketing, \$6,650 enrollment fee and pro-rated boarding fees undisclosed in enrollment materials, \$3,800 per month in supposed tuition, mental torture, body-shaming, academic fraud, one parent reported via e-mail to the HEAL Mission "I sent my son to this boarding school in hopes that they would change his life. When he returned home he was worse and extremely depressed because he was an entire year behind on his education...Missouri is an open carry state I left without anyone knowing without money to return back to Texas. I waited on a check but it never came on that Tuesday...which was suppose to be brought over by the accountant. I felt trapped and set up. I still as of today have not gotten my personal belongings and family heirlooms promised to be shipped back to me. Not only that I am penniless and homeless. I have been seeking help on social media and each and every time I log on I am being harassed by them or someone who knows them... I witnessed deplorable leadership and I am fearful for these children's safety. If someone has not been severely injured it will happen, but parents need to be made aware of this place and not send there children there unless the live nearby. I have documentation of conversation via text. Two children were hurt seriously in my opinion. The child that had the dislocated arm had been bullied for several days and the child doing the bullying was responsible for the dislocation. The other child who had an injury to his left eye by a nail did not get medical attention for 3 days. I witnessed this child begging for help. I do have pictures. I witnessed them calling his mother a pest and one who takes things overboard. Her son had a previous injury to that eye and this time he had a torn cornea... Children killed a snake, they cleaned it and was preparing the snake to eat. They just took it upon themselves to start a fire in the middle of the yard to cook it because they have been told that whatever you kill you MUST eat. My son stated he ate a snake. This is ludicrous... Duck Dynasty Willie Robertson's son is there. My advice is to find another place as soon as possible because he can afford it. Other people such as myself have lost thousands... Parents need to know that their children are mixed with troubled teens that are already in the juvenile system, foster care and cps. I did not know these things. I thought my son would be with children from households like what he was accustomed to...Masters Ranch Christian Academy needs to be exposed and no parent should send their children there for no reason," abuse, neglect, a completely different parent reported via e-mail to the HEAL Mission (while providing a photo of their child's injuries) " When my husband picked him up, my son's face was literally covered in a highly contagious staph infection that they did nothing about for 4 days. It's so bad, it's still blistering and he will be left with permanent scarring," beatings, children beaten with objects, labor trafficking/forced/coerced labor, taught the boys how to use guns and knives, exposure to extreme temperatures, physical abuse, filthy accommodations, animal abuse, one survivor reported to the HEAL Mission via e-mail "They underfeed you, Overwork you, Force religion on you, and basicly your only way home is to fake your way through the program as he is very good at blinding your parents to whats going on, and they will never know untill you get home because they read every letter you send, and listen to every call you make, If you say something that makes you look bad, then he takes you

behind the wood shed and beats you. You are made there slaves,” psychological abuse, emotional abuse, and sexual abuse at Masters Ranch. 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 7/6/21 Rev. Angela Smith invited Masters Ranch victims (families and survivors) as well as staff whistleblowers to provide a guest sermon. That invitation read thus:

“Dear Masters Ranch Survivors and Families,

Masters Ranch 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/masters.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://www.cope.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 2021 (if you were abused later than that then you did not include the dates of your enrollment when you contacted the HEAL Mission) on Masters Ranch. The custom is to retain such records for 10 years in Missouri. 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, July 14th, 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 Masters Ranch should remain enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program?

2. Send that guest sermon to me at 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/masters.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 June 30th, 2031, Masters Ranch 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 Masters Ranch should remain on the watch-list initiated on April 3rd, 2020 where all Sponsors of that program's placement in the COPE Conversion Program were invited to participate. The Sponsors 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 Masters Ranch, 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://www.cope.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://www.heal-online.org/report.htm> and <https://www.heal-online.org/masters.htm> .