

CONVERSION PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT: North Spring Behavioral in VA
By Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE (<https://www.cope.church>) Dated: 9/7/22

The HEAL Mission of COPE has received 23 separate complaints from individuals and families alleging physical abuse resulting in broken bones, one parent reported via e-mail to the HEAL Mission “My son was here for 10mos...he will never go back..the staff on delta unit are cruel and instigate the children..they put my child in a hold where they took his body and made his face touch his knees..195 lbs and his lips turned purple where he could hardly breath and the crapped all over his self..not safe at..why are they allowed...my son was discharged on Nov 15 and safely at home who is dealing with terrible memories of the staff that use to pick at him and talk stuff about his family...this child that just died was in the same hold..why are they not telling the truth...the kids there know..make them confess..these our our children our babies..we need safe places...”, a parent/victim working for the Department of Defense reported via e-mail to the HEAL Mission “My son told me last night that a staff member named "Tom" told another young man on the Unit that he was a "Ni***r and wouldn't amount to anything." This is unbelievable to me. The young man is a ward of the state, but reported the statement to his Social Worker. I'm not sure how far that will go. I was notified by Mr. Caponi (UHS Compliance Officer) and Ms. Beth Collins (Prince William County Community Services Board) that they are each opening their own investigations, as well.”, discrimination/hate crimes, coercive thought reform, fraud, wrongful death, and labor trafficking/forced and/or coerced uncompensated labor at North Spring. 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 8/30/22 Rev. Angela Smith invited North Spring victims (families and survivors) as well as staff whistleblowers to provide a guest sermon. That invitation read thus:

"Dear North Spring Survivors and Families,

North Spring 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/northspring.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 received on North Spring occurred in 2020 (if you were abused later than that then you did not include the dates of your enrollment when you contacted the HEAL Mission). The custom is to retain such records for 6 years in Virginia. So, the requirements for merciful release have not been met. This is an invitation for you to provide a guest sermon by Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 at 8pm Pacific unless you prefer a progress report be posted at that time in lieu of any guest sermon. For guest sermons and 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 North Spring 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/northspring.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 of COPE by December 31st, 2026, North Spring will be mercifully released.

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 North Spring should remain on the watch-list initiated on April 18th, 2020 where all Sponsors of that program's placement in the COPE Conversion Program were invited to participate. The participants 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 North Spring, 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 and 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/northspring.htm> .