

CONVERSION PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT: Re-Creation Retreat in AZ
By Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE (<https://www.cope.church>) Dated: 9/10/20

The HEAL Mission of COPE has 72 complaints from individuals and families directly alleging communication and information access blackouts and restrictions, emotional abuse, psychological abuse, medical negligence, human trafficking/labor exploitation (including forced/coerced uncompensated labor), coercion, and undue influence. Some of these complaints are referenced online and others remain confidential and on file with the church (and mission). With the intention of providing an opportunity for closure, clarification, and potentially peace, Rev. Angela Smith invited Re-Creation/ReCreation Retreat (RCR) representatives and the victim(s) (families and survivors) as well as staff whistleblowers to participate in an e-mail Round Table discussion for publication to the site. The invitation was sent via e-mail on September 4th, 2020. That invitation read thus:

"Dear ReCreation Retreat/Re-Creation Retreat Representatives, Survivors, and Whistleblowers,

I am the co-founder of the HEAL Mission and founding mother of the Church Of Philosophical Exploration (COPE) Ministries. As many of you may recall, HEAL works to expose and stop institutionalized abuse, fraud, cults, human trafficking, and child exploitation. And, ReCreation Retreat (RCR) is on the False Prophets Watch-List at <http://www.heal-online.org/thelist.htm> as well as enrolled in the COPE conversion program which you can learn about at <https://www.cope.church/conversion.htm> .

Due to COVID-19, most of COPE's church services are currently being provided online. To view past Sunday Sermons, visit <https://www.cope.church/sermons.htm> . This is an invitation for you to participate in the Sunday Sermon for September 13th, 2020. Please RSVP via reply to this message no later than Thursday, September 10th, 2020 at 11pm Pacific. The round table discussion between voluntary participants will begin at 12am Pacific Friday (September 11th, 2020) and officially end at 12am Pacific on Saturday (September 12th, 2020). If you'd like to participate, here are the rules and potential participant demographics:

1. You must RSVP to this message by the 11pm Pacific September 10th, 2020 deadline to participate.
2. By submitting your RSVP expressly indicating your desire to participate in this round table discussion you agree to have the entire discussion via e-mail with full disclosure of anything contained in your messages (such as your name and/or e-mail address) during the 24 hour window between 12am Pacific Friday September 11th and 12am Pacific Saturday September 12th to all parties or participants to the discussion as well as printed to .pdf to act as Sunday's Service and Sermon for COPE on Sunday September 13th, 2020. All sermons remain available in .pdf on the site at time and perpetually after the first reading.

3. I, Rev. Angela Smith will be moderating, observing, possibly asking questions, and commenting when warranted.

4. RCR has been invited to participate and will have equal access and welcome to participate in this round table discussion (sermon).

5. Former clients and/or captives as well as former staff have also been invited to participate and will have equal access and welcome to participate in this round table discussion (sermon).

6. CAPS SHOULD BE AVOIDED OR USED SPARINGLY SO NO ONE FEELS AS IF THEY ARE BEING YELLED AT BECAUSE THIS IS INTENDED TO BE A CIVIL THOUGH VERY LIKELY SOMEWHAT HEATED EXCHANGE.

7. Once the round table discussion begins at 12am Pacific on Friday, September 11th, there will be no possibility to remove anyone who changes their mind from the e-mail list as shown when printed to .pdf for Sunday Service. You will be able to leave the e-mail discussion, but, to whom the first message in the discussion is addressed will be made public as well as who leaves if the e-mail list changes during service. If you initially RSVP that you will participate, you will need to renege on that or notify of your change of mind prior to 12am Friday September 11th, 2020 to avoid involuntary participation.

I look forward to hearing from you and truly hope you choose to participate.

All My Best,

Rev. Minister Angela Smith
HEAL Mission Co-Founder/Founding Mother of COPE "

One survivor RSVP'd but backed out before the deadline for participation. A second survivor showed interest but did not RSVP by the deadline for participation. The disclosed questions I intended to explore with the round table included "In your opinion, why does ReCreation Retreat belong on the HEAL Mission watch-list?" and "Did you report any crimes or regulatory violations to the appropriate government law enforcement agency, office, and/or body? If you did not, why?" assuming those are the two questions most consumers would have who do not understand why it is still open. The reasons for choosing not to participate may be obvious. The reasons likely include serious trust issues and concern about whether participation would be more helpful or harmful depending on participant demographics. The survivors, victims, and whistleblowers are comfortable reporting to our virtual victim sanctuary and mission what RCR allegedly did, but still too intimidated to make official complaints with proper authorities or confront RCR directly and publicly in most cases. And, RCR has volunteered to be on "No Talk" (restricted communication status) or that's what we're getting from the lack of response at the Conversion Program to the invitation to participate. For these reasons, we assume the following to be true: 1. RCR belongs on the watch-list and enrolled in the Conversion

Program at COPE and 2. RCR prefers "No Talk" to a "Group Confrontation". This simply reinforces that people often prefer silence to heated confrontation particularly where they have not assumed nor been recognized as an authority. So, we thank RCR for reinforcing the fact that it is normal to avoid those who try to forcibly convert you (through aversive behavior modification or religious conversion) and to prefer that to being confronted even verbally via e-mail by angry victims even if moderated by activist/clergy. This is also likely because participation in such a discussion could re-open the statute of limitations for those victims who may otherwise at this time be barred from pursuing a claim because said time for filing complaints has expired.

In addition, COPE and the HEAL Mission recently learned that ReCreation Retreat is accredited and/or registered with the Better Business Bureau. We did send the link to file complaints with the Better Business Bureau to the victims of ReCreation Retreat and advised they file a complaint with Better Business Bureau as well since ReCreation Retreat is voluntarily regulated by that organization. The link to RCR's profile at the Better Business Bureau is <https://www.bbb.org/us/az/fredonia/profile/private-school/recreation-retreat-1126-1000005469> and there were no reviews to read when we checked it prior to the invitational e-mail above. The requirements for graduating the COPE Conversion Program are at <https://www.cope.church/standards.htm> and stipulate: "To qualify a link can't just show BBB accreditation, it must state "Customer Reviews/Complaints" with a link to the Better Business Bureau (BBB) customer review page on your business. And, if notified that the BBB refused to post a legitimate complaint by a victim/survivor and we are notified of that, the program will be added back or re-enrolled in our conversion program for backsliding." Said link must be prominently featured on the homepage and all advertising to graduate by meeting the very minimal Honesty In Marketing Standards (HIMS) requirement.

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. For reporting resources, see <http://www.heal-online.org/report.htm> for directory of law enforcement and regulatory bodies throughout the USA.