

CONVERSION PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT: Blue Ridge Wilderness FKA  
Second Nature Blue Ridge in Georgia  
By Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE (<https://www.cope.church> ) Dated: 2/3/21

The HEAL Mission of COPE has received 35 separate complaints from individuals and families alleging salmonella (food poisoning), denied medical care/medical neglect, loss of consciousness, unconscious children dragged through wilderness (Survivor reported via e-mail: "i got salmonella the first affects took place as we started a 3 a.m. hike up the 2nd tallest peak in GA i begged for the hospital and was denied treatment, for two montha i was throwing up daily and diahrrea daily. The therapist said it was anxiety and i had to stop getting sick to go home, i continued begging for the hospital, would pass out unconcious and be dragged by the other kids then forced to apologize for slowing them down, i can go into more detail and more examples but this was a common occurence, i wake up one night, no light, pitch black throw up and diahrrea at the same time 13x getting vomit urine and probably feces on my only pair of pants for the next three days, i passed out from dehydration pants around my ankles and the next day i was punished for getting sick"), torture, humiliation, trauma resulting in PTSD, exposure/sensory deprivation, false imprisonment/kidnapping, verbal abuse, coercive thought reform, sexual abuse/misconduct by staff (that person reportedly no longer works for Second Nature/Blue Ridge) towards clients, 2nd degree frostbite (nearly lost 3 toes), physical abuse, and misleading marketing at Blue Ridge Wilderness FKA Second Nature Blue Ridge (Blue Ridge). 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 1/26/21 Rev. Angela Smith invited Blue Ridge victims (families and survivors) as well as staff whistleblowers to provide a guest sermon. That invitation read thus:

"Dear Second Nature, Evoke, and Blue Ridge Survivors and Families,

Second Nature AKA Evoke and Blue Ridge Wilderness (Second Nature) 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/secondnat.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 on the Blue Ridge location 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) on Second Nature. The custom is to retain such records for 10 years in Georgia . So, the requirements for merciful release have not been met for that location. The most recent complaint the mission has received on Evoke/Second Nature in Utah (and Oregon) occurred in 2012. The standard in Oregon is 10 years (but we have no complaints on the Oregon location) and the standard to retain such records in Utah is 7 years. Therefore Second Nature/Evoke currently meets the criteria for merciful release. This is an invitation for you to provide a guest sermon no later than Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021 at 8pm Pacific if a Blue Ridge/Georgia survivor/victim if you wish to provide a more personalized guest sermon rather than have a progress report posted at that time. And, if a survivor/victim of the Utah location, you must provide a guest sermon no later than Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021 to keep that location on the watch-list. Current progress reports on other programs are available at <https://www.heal-online.org> so you get an idea of what will be posted on the Georgia location if you do not provide a guest sermon. For sermons (including guest sermons), see <https://www.cope.church/sermons.htm> . 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 Second Nature (specify location) 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/coastal.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 February 28th, 2030, Second Nature /Blue Ridge Wilderness will receive a merciful release. If no one provides a guest sermon on Second Nature/Evoke by February 3rd, 2021, that location will be removed from the active watch-list.

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"

[Special Note: Emma Singer provided a guest sermon on Second Nature AKA Evoke in Utah which was delivered originally on January 27th, 2021. You can read the sermon at <https://www.cope.church/singersermon.pdf> . And, Second Nature AKA Evoke will remain on the watch-list at <https://www.heal-online.org/thelist.htm> and be placed on the Divest and Boycott page/Mission Home at <https://www.heal-online.org> with her sermon (now available with Sermons and on the Second Nature info page at <https://www.heal-online.org/secondnat.htm> ) when we get to Utah. The states are being covered in alphabetical order by state name and in January/February, 2021 that means Georgia. Because Second Nature operates in Georgia and Utah and the Utah location met the criteria for merciful release, the same deadline was given for guest sermon on that location. Blue Ridge Wilderness was not eligible for merciful release at this time.]

Now, there was a vote on whether Blue Ridge should remain on the watch-list initiated on March 27th, 2020 where all Sponsors of that program's placement in the COPE Conversion Program were invited to participate. No one voted for merciful release or the equivalent at that time. HEAL Mission and the COPE Conversion Program recognize participation in the vote in March 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 Blue Ridge Wilderness, 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> .