

CONVERSION PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT: Spring Ridge Academy in AZ  
By Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE (<https://www.cope.church> ) Dated: 10/1/20

The HEAL Mission of COPE has received 48 separate complaints from individuals and families alleging traumatic experiences resulting in compounded PTSD, forced/coerced and punitive labor to point of injury (labor exploitation/trafficking), psychological abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse (reportedly had pedophile on staff that was subsequently dismissed or resigned), level system/coercive thought reform, misleading/deceptive marketing (fraud), prison-like environment, excessive medication, communication blackouts (censored/monitored communication with outside world), isolation/shunning as punishment (sometimes lasting months), suicide/attempted suicides, withholding food (punishment in isolation included one meal a day), humiliation tactics (i.e. requiring excess water be consumed and denying access to the bathroom), medical negligence (failure to provide medical care or take to physician when warranted), exposure to deceased amphibians in non-academic setting, and undue influence at Spring Ridge Academy. 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, Rev. Angela Smith invited Spring Ridge Academy Representatives and the victims (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 25th, 2020. That invitation read thus:

"Dear Spring Ridge Academy 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, Spring Ridge Academy 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 October 4th, 2020. Please RSVP via reply to this message no later than Thursday, October 1st, 2020 at 11pm Pacific. The round table discussion between voluntary participants will begin at 12am Pacific Friday (October 2nd, 2020) and officially end at 12am Pacific on Saturday (October 3rd, 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 October 1st, 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 October 2nd and 12am Pacific Saturday October 3rd 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 October 4th, 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. Spring Ridge Academy 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, October 2nd, 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 October 2nd, 2020 to avoid involuntary participation.

I look forward to hearing from you and truly hope you choose to participate. In the event no one chooses to participate, a progress report will be posted on Spring Ridge Academy and added to the site. To see available progress reports on other entities populating the watch-list, visit <https://www.heal-online.org> and click on the Progress Report hypertext links for info. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

All My Best,

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

One Sponsor did indicate interest in participating but is going forward with legal action so chose not to participate in the Round Table. No one RSVP'd affirmatively by the deadline. The reasons 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 Spring Ridge Academy

allegedly did, still too intimidated to make official complaints with proper authorities or confront Spring Ridge Academy directly and publicly in most cases. And, Spring Ridge Academy 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. Spring Ridge Academy belongs on the watch-list and enrolled in the Conversion Program at COPE and 2. Spring Ridge Academy 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 Spring Ridge Academy 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 an angry mob even if moderated by activist/clergy.

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.