

WEEP WITH THOSE WHO WEEP

The Church, #MeToo and how we talk about abuse in the wake of Ravi Zacharias, Jean Vanier and others

NEXT STEPS

GENERAL ACTIONS

PRAY FOR...

- ... those who have been abused within a faith context.
- ... those who are seeking to bring about change.
- ... institutions to change and Christian leaders to take action and bring about change.

LEARN BY...

- ... reading appropriate books.
- ... participating in safeguarding training.
- ... inviting a local abuse charity to provide training for your church.

VOLUNTEER TIME WITH...

- ... a local abuse charity.
- ... a national helpline.
- ... a national abuse charity.

DONATE TO...

- ... a local abuse charity.
- ... a national abuse charity.
- ... a Christian organisation seeking to effect change.

SUPPORT WELL

BELIEVE

If someone shares with you they've been abused or hurt, believe them.

SAFETY

Be aware that the perpetrator could be a continued danger, and prioritise the safety of the hurt person.

EMPOWER

If someone is an adult, your primary role is to help them recognise their choices and support them in doing what they feel is right for them.

UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT

Remain consistent in your support and do not withdraw it simply because the hurt person is making choices you disagree with.

UNDERSTANDING LIMITATIONS

Unless you are an expert in responding to abuse, it is important to recognise your limitations and refer on to appropriately skilled specialists.

SIGNPOST WELL

Connect with local and national services to ensure you know what they can offer, then you will be able to confidently recommend these resources .