


**FIRE  
IN THE**



**ROSE**

**CHURCHES EXPLORING ABUSE AND HEALING**

**THE CHURCH COUNCIL ON  
JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS**



*"Fire in the Rose may be the most important project our (or any) congregation ever took part in."*

## **What is FIRE IN THE ROSE?**

Society is growing more aware of abuse in families and other relationships of intimacy and trust. Churches can play an important role in helping people face abuse, challenge its roots, and work toward healing and prevention.

*Fire in the Rose* is an ecumenical, educational program for congregations that want to build healthier families and communities.

*Fire in the Rose* is a congregational journey which unfolds in 5 stages of 7-8 weeks each over two years. It is a journey of faith grounded in Biblical stories which provide strength to explore abuse. It is a sacred journey toward healing and caring for one another.


Through *Fire in the Rose*, your congregation will explore the nature and consequences of abuse; you will reflect on your own attitudes, feelings and experiences; you will examine the roots of abuse and violence; you will identify tools and skills for new ways of living together; and, you will work with others in the congregation and the community to create and strengthen ministries of healing and prevention.

## **What resources are provided?**


*Fire in the Rose* is not an add-on. It is designed to be integrated into the ongoing worship, program and service life of your congregation. In 9 easy-to-use booklets, *Fire in the Rose* provides a variety of resources for clergy, for adults and children, for individuals, groups and the congregation as a whole. Your church can choose the ideas which are appropriate for its own life and needs.

*Fire in the Rose* includes resources to:

- prepare the committee who will guide the congregation on the journey
- assist clergy and lay leaders to provide support and pastoral care
- examine abuse through facts and personal stories
- develop worship liturgies, healing rituals and Bible studies
- engage adults, children and youth in education and outreach
- strengthen skills in conflict resolution, peer support and parenting



*"This is really important to my faith, to my experience of God. It helped put a lot of my life, personally and in the church, in perspective."*



*"I think our community will feel the effect of *Fire in the Rose* for years to come."*

### **Who produced FIRE IN THE ROSE?**

This program was developed by The Church Council on Justice and Corrections with funding provided by Health Canada and the Donner Canadian Foundation. Fourteen congregations from the Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Mennonite, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and United churches participated in a pilot project to test, augment and refine the materials.

### **What does it cost?**

The *Fire in the Rose* program costs \$79.00 and is being sold on a cost recovery basis.

### **Is a french version available?**

Une ressource similaire est disponible en français.

**For more information or to obtain FIRE IN THE ROSE, contact:**



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