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The Center for True Justice and Healing: Connecting for Healthy Healing

The Center for True Justice and Healing (CTJH) is a non-profit corporation located in Landover, Maryland, that serves crime victims throughout the entire state. Founded in 2003 by Executive Director, Rev. Wayne S. Price, Sr., CTJH assists crime victims of all backgrounds and types, however the majority of victims are homicide survivors and victims of domestic violence.

Rev. Price has a B.S. in Criminal Justice, and just recently obtained a M.A. in management, with a concentration in criminal justice. With more than thirty years of experience as an ordained minister, Rev. Price founded CTJH in order to provide comprehensive caring and support services hurting people of all faiths and philosophies. In order to best match the spiritual needs of each person who comes to CTJH, they complete an initial assessment and are then referred to the appropriate spiritual leader who can serve as their “navigational guide to healing.”

Rev. Price understands that many victims are already connected with clergy, and would feel more comfortable sharing their story with someone who is not a stranger to them. He recognizes that trauma can disconnect people spiritually, and therefore helping individuals reconnect with their clergy can provide a way for victims to “connect for healthy healing.” “Spiritual connection is the foundation of healing,” Rev. Price says. “When a trauma victim is in search of

true justice for those answers they don’t have - answers that come from a power greater than themselves - clergy can guide these individuals through the healing process.”



CTJH provides services through grief victim support ministry, where survivors of homicide come for help immediately following the traumatic event. Then, one of the nine volunteers at CTJH develops an individualized set of “navigational aids” that can help survivors along their journey, such as individual support sessions, ongoing case management, and spiritual and pastoral care.

Other services provided by CTJH include support and advocacy for victims as they navigate their way through the criminal justice system. In addition, the organization performs community outreach by making others in the community aware of issues surrounding victim rights and support services.

For more information on The Center for True Justice and Healing, check out their website at www.ctjh.org or give them a call at (301) 219-3421.

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