



# Intimate Partner Violence Workshop

Every minute 32 people in the United States experience intimate partner violence. Over 47% of women and 25% of men have experienced some form of intimate partner violence.

(source: <https://www.breakthecycle.org/domestic-violence-statistics/>)

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This workshop will help equip participants to recognize the signs of Intimate Partner Violence and respond in compassionate pastoral ways.

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This workshop is open to clergy and lay people.  
For clergy who have already completed a basic Healthy Boundary Training, this workshop will fulfill the requirement for standing in the Florida Region.



Presenter: Dr. Maria Victoria Ruiz is a Clinical Psychologist originally from Puerto Rico. She moved to Florida in 2017 and has been a member of Iglesia Cristiana Discípulos de Cristo del Norte de Orlando since 2018. In Puerto Rico, Dr. Ruiz specialized in Trauma Interventions working with Domestic Violence survivors and Child Abuse. She also was a grad studies professor for Carlos Albizu University, Puerto Rico Evangelical Seminary and Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico.

Dr. Ruiz worked directly with the Methodist Church in Puerto Rico in the expansion of a curriculum called “Safe Sanctuaries”, training ministers in Intimate Partner Violence and Child and Elderly abuse. Her doctoral dissertation was a Design of a training for pastors to develop a healthy intervention with victims of domestic violence. Currently Dr. Ruiz is under the care of the Commission of Ministries as a Pastoral Candidate.

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**Course description:** At the end of this course participants will be able to identify the different dynamics and manifestations of Intimate Partner Violence and how it can be addressed from a Pastoral perspective.



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**SATURDAY: JANUARY 11, 2025**

**10:00AM - 3:00PM**

**\$50.00 PER PERSON**

Online  
Registration



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CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH: 250 SW IVANHOE BLVD., ORLANDO, FL

Presented by the Florida Disciples Commission on Ministry