

Below is the text of the email that NCALL and Safe Havens will be sending this afternoon to our networks.

You are welcome to use some or all of this text.

The physical distancing required to keep everyone safe during this global pandemic has increased the risk of abuse for many older adults who are now isolated in their homes and facilities. For 89% of older adults, faith is a source of strength, resilience and connection that can help mitigate that risk.

That is why we are calling on faith communities and faithful people everywhere to increase their efforts to connect with and support older survivors of abuse.

We need your help.

[Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse](#) and the [National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life](#) wrote a letter encouraging faith leaders to raise awareness about elder abuse and help to support older victims. This letter has been endorsed by 22 other national organizations.

Please email [THIS LETTER](#) to faith leaders in your community as well as friends and family who can pass the letter to their faith leaders. Sample text for your email can be found [HERE](#).

For more information, contact [Rev. Dr. Anne Marie Hunter](#) or [Bonnie Brandl, MSW](#).

Thank you for your continued commitment to the communities and programs you serve. Now more than ever your efforts are vital to older victims and survivors of abuse.