

Dear friends,

This letter is to let you know about an upcoming conference we are co-hosting with Bethesda Christian Counseling and Dordt College on **Friday and Saturday, September 28 & 29**. Dr. Dan B. Allender, a well-known author, therapist, speaker, and the founding president of The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology, will be in Sioux Center presenting the **Healing the Wounded Heart Conference**. You can find out more about Dr. Allender and his ministry on The Allender Center's website at [theallendercenter.org](http://theallendercenter.org). For more information about The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology, visit [theseattleschool.edu](http://theseattleschool.edu). This organization is doing great things in the realms of theology, therapy, and culture – and working effectively to combine all three!

At Sioux Center Christian School, we have experienced the impact of sexual abuse, and we know that you also may spend time working with individual stories of pain and harm. There are no quick fixes or simple answers in the midst of complex issues related to trauma, and Dr. Allender will make no such claim. Instead, at the *Healing the Wounded Heart Conference*, he'll provide categories in which to consider the impact of abuse, address the heartache of sexual harm, and grow in the hope that it does not have the final word. Healing is possible, and when lived out well, it is profound.

On the back is a letter from Dr. Allender that describes this conference in more detail. I'm confident it will be significant in the lives of those who attend, and I want to make sure that your specific community benefits from it as much as I know we will.

Dr. Allender has also agreed to hold a **special workshop for teachers, staff, administrators, guidance counselors, therapists, and pastors** on Friday morning and afternoon, September 28, called **Abuse, Trauma & Spiritual Warfare**. Please see the enclosed flyer for details and **note that registration for this workshop is separate** from the *Healing the Wounded Heart Conference*.

I hope you'll join me in supporting this event by informing your community and by attending yourself. Registration for the conference is available at [theallendercenter.org](http://theallendercenter.org) and registration for the workshop is at [www.siouxcenterchristian.com](http://www.siouxcenterchristian.com). Additionally, I have included materials to supplement your promotion if you'd find those helpful.

Feel free to call me with any questions you might have. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,



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Dear friend:

I'm grateful to have a moment of your time. Most leaders are so swamped that adding any activity to their schedule is beyond reason. Nevertheless, I'd like to invite you to the conference that I will be leading at Dordt College, September 28 - 29 in Sioux Center, Iowa. And of course, I'd like to ask you to promote it in any ways feasible within your specific community.



Given all you face on a weekly basis, why should you come? Let me give you a brief overview of what I will be covering in our time:

*Healing the Wounded Heart* invites people to consider the painful and hidden issues resulting from sexual abuse, and how God speaks tenderly and passionately when we lay our wounded heart before Him. This seminar provides hope for adult victims of childhood sexual abuse and for those who are in relationship with the abused. Sexual abuse is a topic that is rarely discussed inside or outside of the church, though nothing is more important than freeing people from lives of quiet shame and journeying into honesty, courage, and trust in God that leads to loving self and others in profound, transformative ways.

I pray this time will be an opportunity for you to be nourished in order to thrive in the great work entrusted to you. I trust it will be a time in which your people are encouraged and surprised by how God chooses to redeem. I am grateful for the privilege of being with you soon.

In His Kindness,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan B. Allender".

Dan B. Allender, Ph.D.



**Healing the Wounded Heart**  
*from The Allender Center*

