

Religion & DV Issues Committee Meeting

Minutes for April 26, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Bernita Walker. Present were Varsha N., Co-chair; Cecelia Walker, Co-chair; Manuel Martinez, Melinda Oakley, Kimberly Perkins, Erica Hernandez, Elisa Jimenez, Elder Watson, Elder Richwine.

Attendees were invited to introduce, and share organization affiliation, and line from of a favorite song.

Speakers, Elders Watson and Richwine of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints, provided a presentation beginning with the history of the transition from recognition as The Mormon church to current identifying as Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints, and highlighting stereotypes and myths regarding the faith.

Elders Watson and Richwine went on to share the church's attitude toward Domestic Violence in general, and noted that "life issues" are openly addressed on the church's web site, including abuse in relationships. Congregants are able to approach the Bishop for assistance and support regarding domestic violence. The Elders acknowledged the need for additional training.

[Life Help \(churchofjesuschrist.org\)](http://churchofjesuschrist.org)

Matters not posted on the agenda: none

Next meeting is May 24, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm