

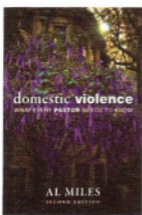
their children; an assessment of alternatives to suffering in silence in a threatening environment; and new chapters on what churches can do and an introduction to the RAVE (Religion and Violence e-Learning) Project Web site.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

### What Every Pastor Needs to Know

By Al Miles

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**Brief:** According to the American Medical Association, one quarter of American women will be abused by an intimate partner at some point in their

lives. Loving support can make a tremendous difference to survivors as they struggle with the difficult process of healing and regaining trust in themselves and others. Often, however, pastoral caregivers possess the same misconceptions about domestic violence as does the uninformed public. Miles addresses the issues related to inadequate pastoral response to this pervasive problem. He explores the dynamics of abusive relationships and the role that clergy members can take to heal this painful situation.

The new edition builds upon the insights, policies, and programs of the original volume and includes new information on the pathology of domestic violence and the effect the economic downturn is having on victim survivors and batterers. Miles also focuses on helping clergy and other pastoral ministers develop a more compassionate response to victim survivors who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender. Discussion questions, resources, and contact information for state coalitions working to end domestic violence are included.