

## A Call to Men

**This is an invitation to “well-meaning” men to leave the sidelines of silence for the playing field of action in ending domestic violence.**

Domestic violence in the Durham Region is among the highest in the nation. We all have a role to play, but even more so, well-meaning men who believe women should be respected become a part of the solution to end domestic violence.

A Call to Men believes that ending domestic and sexual violence is, primarily, the responsibility of men. Although historically it has been almost entirely women who have been at the forefront addressing this issue, we think it is essential that men play a primary role in the solution. To do that, well-meaning men—men who, for the most part, don't see themselves as part of the problem—need to get involved.

This seminar challenges men to reconsider their long-held beliefs about women, in an effort to create a more *harmonious and* just society.

A Call to Men provides concrete solutions and practical approaches toward ending men's violence against women. The information will challenge and deepen your understanding and definition of men's work in domestic and sexual violence prevention today.



### Sponsoring Groups:

#### — Durham Jesus —

Persons from all walks of life praying and working together for the transformation of the Durham Region.  
Email: [DurhamJesus@gmail.com](mailto:DurhamJesus@gmail.com)

#### — A Call to Men —

a leading national men's organization addressing domestic and sexual violence prevention and the promotion of healthy manhood.  
[www.acalltomen.com](http://www.acalltomen.com)

### For More Information:

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## Did you know...

The Durham Region has one of the highest rates of domestic violence in Canada?

## It's time for a change!

Come hear how YOU can be part of the solution.

Date: Friday, April 23, 2010

Time: 1:00 pm—3:30pm

Location: Durham Children's Aid Society bldg—1320 Airport Blvd, Oshawa, Ontario (next to the Mandarin)

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**Anthony "Tony" Porter**  
Educator, Activist, Lecturer

A gifted public speaker, Tony Porter is an educator and activist working in the social justice arena for over twenty years. He is nationally recognized for his effort to end men's violence against women. Tony is the original visionary and co-founder behind A CALL TO MEN: The National Association of Men and Women Committed to Ending Violence Against Women. He is the author of "Well Meaning Men...**Breaking Out of the Man Box.** - Ending Violence Against Women".

An engaging and sought after lecturer, Tony's message of accountability is welcome and supported by many grassroots and established organizations. He's currently working with numerous domestic and sexual violence programs, the National Football League, the National Basketball Association, colleges and universities around the USA. He has worked with the United States Military Academy at West Point and the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. In addition, he has been a guest presenter for the United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women.

Tony's former position was the Director of Addiction Services for a hospital in New York. He is a faculty member of the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services Academy of Addiction Studies where he co-authored their curriculum for clinicians who work with chemically dependent African-Americans. He also teaches several of their curriculums including "Racial Diversity in Chemical Dependency" and "Domestic Violence and Chemical Dependency". Tony also specializes in developing social justice treatment models in chemical dependency and other human service organizations.

## Naming the Problem:

Men's violence against women is the leading cause of injury to women.

*Less Value + Property +  
Objectification = Violence against women*

Be Part of the Solution



Tony Porter will examine the role of men in ending domestic violence and men's violence against women. He will explore how adult men, male adolescents, and boys have been— and continue to be—socialized to view women as having less value. Due to this socialization process, even men, who consider themselves to be good guys, can benefit from a construct that supports men's violence against women.

## Who Should Attend?

- anyone working in the field of violence against women
- educators
- women, men, youth
- pastors & leaders in the Church
- anyone and everyone



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