

**ALL OPTIONS CLERGY COUNSELING**  
*A seminar for pro-choice clergy of all faiths*

**Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to 3 pm**  
**PPSNE, 345 Whitney Avenue, New Haven**

There is no doubt that a welcomed, loved child is a gift from God and a blessing to a joyful family. Yet, not every pregnancy is experienced with joy and certainty, and many of those women and their families, as they consider all possible options, often have religious, spiritual, and theological questions and look for supportive pastoral help to answer these questions. To help clergy address this need, the **Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice of Connecticut** is offering a training workshop in All Options Clergy Counseling conducted by Rev. Matthew Westfox of RCRC National. In this training, we explore all options that are available: parenting, adoption, and abortion, and all the nuances and possibilities that underlie each of those.

All Options Clergy Counseling is many things: it is emotional, relational, medical, financial, and legal in nature. It is also, at the core, spiritual. The conversations that take place during an All Options training are shaped by participants' various understandings of God. The unspoken questions of the counselees are: Will God still love me? Will God forgive me? Therefore, how clergy speak about God is central to All Options counseling even when the woman cannot articulate her own anxieties.

To engage in this work is to accompany women as they decide whether to bear a child in accordance with their own faith and beliefs, and then support whatever choice is made. And may God accompany all of us.

**The seminar leader will be Reverend Matthew Westfox, the National Coordinator for Field Services for Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, who serves as Associate Pastor of All Souls Bethlehem Church in Brooklyn, New York.**

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**\$35 fee\* for course materials; light lunch included.**

**(Fee will be waived for students or those not currently employed.)**

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