Introducing Rev. Dr. Marie M. Fortune

**Rev. Dr. Marie M. Fortune** grew up in North Carolina where she received her undergraduate degree from Duke University. She received her seminary training at Yale Divinity School and was ordained a minister in the United Church of Christ in 1976. After serving in a local parish, she founded the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence, now known as FaithTrust Institute, in 1977 where she served as Executive Director until 1999. Now she serves as Founder and Senior Analyst at FaithTrust Institute. Today FaithTrust Institute is a multifaith, multicultural organization in the U.S. providing religious communities and advocates with training, consultation and educational materials to address the faith aspects of abuse.

FaithTrust Institute continues to be a national leader in equipping faith communities to address sexual and domestic violence and in collaborating with colleagues around the world. Using every available technology, we continue to provide resources to clergy and lay leaders to enable them to be part of the solution, and not part of the problem.

Fortune is a pastor, educator, theologian, ethicist and author of numerous books including:
- *Sexual Violence: the Sin Revisited* (Pilgrim Press, Cleveland)
- *Keeping the Faith: Questions and Answers for Christian Abused Women* (HarperSan Francisco)
- *Is Nothing Sacred?* (Pilgrim Press, Cleveland)
- *Love Does No Harm: Sexual Ethics for the Rest of Us* (Continuum, New York)

You can find her blog regularly at [www.faithtrustinstitute.org](http://www.faithtrustinstitute.org)