

# CARING FOR CASUALTIES OF THE CULTURE

## Helping Teenagers in Crisis

*with Rich Van Pelt*

Denver Seminary – Nov 3, 2017

A Youth Ministry Symposium

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Register at: <http://www.gordon.edu/denver2017>

### Morning Session - *Helping Teenagers in Crisis*

Youth workers spend more and more time helping kids and families navigate difficult and sometimes life threatening issues like suicide, eating disorders, drugs, divorce, cutting, sexual identity, and bullying yet very few feel adequately prepared.

*Learn how to:*

1. Become Safe People and Provide Safe Places
2. Talk About Unsafe Things: Address Issues We'd Prefer to Avoid
3. Be ALERT: Recognize and Assess Levels of Risk
4. Circle the Wagons: Connect Hurting Kids to Helping Resources.

### Afternoon Session - *Be A Lifesaver – Helping Suicidal Adolescents*

Thousands of teenagers contemplate, hundreds attempt and many complete the act of suicide every day in America. A horrifyingly large number of these young people worship in our churches every Sunday, attend youth group activities regularly, and participate on leadership teams, mission experiences and outreach events. Yet the “good news” doesn’t seem “good enough” to help them cope with life in the here and now.

*Learn how to:*

1. Understand the Complexities of Suicidal Behavior
2. Identify and Provide Help for Suicidal Youth
3. Appropriately respond when a suicide occurs
4. Forge preventive partnerships with parents and schools
5. Become Aware of Internet, Print and Media resources



A veteran of more than forty years in youth and family ministry, Rich Van Pelt is Senior Director of Ministry Relationships at Compassion International - a Christian child development organization working with over 1.8 million children and youth in 25 developing nations. Rich is co-author of *The Volunteer's Guide To Helping Teenagers In Crisis*, *A Youth Worker's Guide To Helping Teenagers in Crisis* and *A Parent's Guide to Helping Teenagers In Crisis*. He has written numerous journal and magazine articles and has contributed to several other books. Rich is a skilled communicator, with stories that resonate not only because of his passionate delivery, but because his heart for people and the gospel permeates everything.

**NOTE:** This symposium is open to pastors, youth pastors, youth workers, volunteers and parents. It offered free of charge with our thanks for the work you do reaching students with the love of Jesus. We ask that each person register individually to assist us in our planning.