## CONVERSION PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT: Chamberlain International School AKA FL Chamberlain in Massachusetts By Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE (https://www.cope.church ) Dated: 5/12/21

The HEAL Mission of COPE has received 13 complaints from individuals and families alleging fraud, money-laundering, mistreatment, abuse, coercive thought reform, menacing/intimidation of families by staff at Chamberlain, emotional abuse, physical abuse, corruption/unethical/criminal business practices, sexual assault/abuse of students by staff, in 2016 a survivor reported via e-mail to the HEAL Mission "He assaults student under the guise of restraining. He acts out of impulse and not policy. He has been known to attack students and there was a rumor that he sexually assaulted a young female but he always threatens people to not talk. When students get out of control, restraints consist of bashing their head into the ground to disorient them which is not the way for restraints to be. Students are given small amounts of food and have often been the victims of vitamin deficiency due to lack of nutrients. The budget seems to be very minimal on food. The overall structure of a classroom consists of basically learning nothing. There is no classroom structure. When tours occur students are forced to act like they are working and learning. During the day there are day trips to several places. These trips consist of 2-4 hour van rides to a certain location, spending hardly any time at the location, then an unnecessary long trip back. This is to give the illusion that they are out all day but really all the time is spent on the van ride. It is corrupt. Staff have been known to pocket trip money and just aimlessly drive for hours on end. The majority of trips is in fact just sitting in a van for 4-8 hours without spending any time at all at destination. Students are punished if they refuse to go on trips but no one wants to sit all day. Basically when abuse happens or is witnessed students are coerced into being silent about it," suicidal ideation, alienation of affection, maternal deprivation, medical neglect, in 2015 one parent of a student reported via e-mail to DCF in MA on which the HEAL Mission was copied "Please get back to me with the name of the drug and what actions were taken against Chamberlain for almost killing a child and not letting him get appropriate medical care", and in 2016 another survivor reported in an e-mail to the HEAL Mission "I just am a very cautious man I've been threatened by staff and students both prior and post dismissal from this hellhole PLEASE GET BACK TO ME I WANT TO PUT THE NAIL IN THE COFFIN TO THIS PLACE," at Chamberlain International School AKA FL Chamberlain (Chamberlain). Some of these complaints are referenced online and others remain confidential and on file with the church. With the intention of providing an opportunity for closure, clarification, and potentially peace, on 5/4/21 Rev. Angela Smith invited Chamberlain victims (families and survivors) as well as staff whistleblowers to provide a guest sermon. That invitation read thus:

"Dear Chamberlain International School (AKA FL Chamberlain) Survivors and Families,

Chamberlain is on the HEAL Mission watch-list (of fraudulent and abusive programs) and enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program based on your reports to the HEAL Mission alleging fraud, abuse, and/or other violations. You can learn more or refresh your memory at <a href="https://www.heal-online.org/thelist.htm">https://www.heal-online.org/thelist.htm</a> and/or <a href="https://www.heal-online.org/thelist.htm">https://www.heal-

The HEAL Mission and COPE Conversion Program (for Conversion Programs) has updated our protocols to provide entities populating the watch-list and/or enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program three ways off the watch-list or out of the program. Death and/or closure remains one way after which they will be buried at http://www.beyondbusiness.net/youarenext.htm with the others who didn't make it off the list or reform in time. Programs enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program/placed on the watch-list are also eligible for graduation if they meet the minimum Honesty In Marketing Standards described and/or provided via hypertext link at https://www.cope.church/standards.htm . The third option is merciful release. Merciful releases are determined by date of last directly reported to the HEAL Mission complaint (date of incident(s) of abuse), whether those incidents occurred prior to when by custom or law the requirement to retain such records has expired, and whether Sponsors (you) are actively participating or maintaining interest in holding your program accountable.

The most recent complaint the mission has received occurred in 2019 (if you were abused later than that then you did not include the dates of your enrollment when you contacted the HEAL Mission) on Chamberlain. The custom is to retain such records for 30 years in Massachusetts. So, the requirements for merciful release have not been met. This is an invitation for you to provide a guest sermon no later than Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 at 8pm Pacific if you wish to provide one rather than have a progress report posted at that time. For sermons (including guest sermons), see <a href="https://www.cope.church/sermons.htm">https://www.cope.church/sermons.htm</a> and for progress reports see <a href="https://www.heal-online.org">https://www.heal-online.org</a>. Here's how to participate:

1. In the body of an e-mail message write out your complete sermon and include answers to the following questions:

Did you report fraud or other unlawful actions to the proper authorities? If not, why? If so, what happened with the reports? (So, 2 part question)

Why do you believe Chamberlain should remain enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program?

2. Send that guest sermon to me at <u>rev@cope.church</u> with your first and last name (full) and notify me if you wish for your contact information to be included or for all feedback to be handled by the mission and/or church. Your full first and last name will be shared along with your sermon as written and provided by you. It will be posted as a Guest Sermon at <u>https://www.heal-online.org</u>, <u>https://www.heal-online.org/chamberlain.htm</u>, and <u>https://www.cope.church/sermons.htm</u>.

If no one provides a guest sermon and there are no new complaints received by the HEAL Mission by December 31st, 2049, Chamberlain will receive a merciful release.

Thank you in advance for participating. And, please learn more about how to value your contributions at <u>https://www.cope.church/givetoday.pdf</u>.

In Solidarity,

Rev. Angela Smith HEAL Mission National Coordinator/Founding Mother of COPE"

Now, there was a vote on whether Chamberlain should remain on the watch-list initiated on March 30th, 2020 where all Sponsors of that program's placement in the COPE Conversion Program were invited to participate. The Sponsors unanimously voted against merciful release or the equivalent at that time. HEAL Mission and the COPE Conversion Program recognize participation in the vote in March as recent enough participation even if Sponsors prefer more time to consider, write, and/or provide any guest sermon. While we understand this may be disappointing for Chamberlain, it is the hope that this progress report helps explain the reasons for the continued enrollment/placement in the COPE Conversion Program. Additional or continued participation by Sponsors, including providing guest sermons or participating in future votes will impact whether or not the program qualifies for merciful release or remains enrolled. Lack of participation by Sponsors, where all other criteria for merciful release are met, will result in merciful release of the program.

Similar invitations will be going out to all survivor/victim/whistleblower e-mail lists and their respective programs placed on the watch-list. It may take some time to get through the entire list especially if enrollments pick up. But, we are working on it and everyone can submit Feedback at <u>https://www.cope.church/feedback.htm</u> at any time regardless of position regarding program placement or enrollment.

To close, I remind everyone that there are remedies at law. Labor trafficking, rape, fraud (misleading marketing/false advertising), false imprisonment, kidnapping, battery, assault, and any crime or tort you could name are actionable at law. The HEAL Mission of COPE is prepared to assist all victims by providing reporting resources and information for the sake of justice and we appreciate all Sponsors who selflessly contribute content for the sake of informing the public to help those exercising due diligence avoid becoming a victim. Reporting Guide Available at: https://www.heal-online.org/report.htm and https://www.heal-online.org/chamberlain.htm .