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SNAP Leaders Announce Organizational Separation and Formation of New Survivor-Led Organization

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Several dozen local leaders of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) have formally resigned and ended their affiliation with the organization, effective March 28. These leaders represent more than 350 years of experience advocating for survivors.

SNAP was established as a peer-driven organization with an emphasis on survivor leadership and local engagement. For many years, the organization operated through a decentralized structure that supported survivor services and contributed to advocacy and accountability efforts in religious and non-religious institutions.

In recent years, changes have occurred in SNAP's governance and operational structure. These changes have resulted in differing views between the Board of Directors and certain local leaders regarding organizational roles, decision-making processes, and strategic direction.

After careful consideration, the departing leaders concluded that continued affiliation with SNAP was no longer consistent with their understanding of survivor-led organizational principles. Accordingly, they submitted letters of resignation and are no longer affiliated with SNAP.

The former SNAP leaders emphasize that this organizational separation does not reflect a change in their commitment to survivors. They remain committed to providing peer support, sharing information about available resources, and advocating for accountability where abuse has occurred.

To continue this work, the departing leaders are announcing the formation of a new survivor-led organization, the **Abuse Survivor's Coalition (ASC)**. Additional information regarding the organization and its development is available at **AScoalition.org**.

ASC is a peer-run organization in its formative stages, informed by decades of collective experience in survivor support and advocacy. The organization intends to focus on:

- Providing peer support services
- Sharing information about survivor support resources
- Engaging in advocacy related to abuse and institutional accountability

The organizers state that this transition represents a continuation of survivor-centered efforts, with survivors remaining the central focus of their work.

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