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MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH LAUNCHES NEW SEASON OF 'MOVIES WITH MEANING' WITH SCREENING OF DOCUMENTARY 'ALL GOD'S CHILDREN'

Film's Producers And Directors To Attend Free Screening of Documentary About Children Surviving Abuse At The Hands Of American Missionaries In Africa

(New York, October 2009) *All God's Children* will screen in New York City on **Wednesday, October 14, 7:00pm at Middle Collegiate Church, 50 E.7th Street at 2nd Avenue.** The film's directors, Scott Solary and Luci Westphal (Brooklyn, NY) will participate in a Q&A following the screening. Light refreshments at 6:30 PM. No tickets are required but a free will offering will be taken. Visit www.middlechurch.org for more details.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance, which ran the boarding school at the heart of the film, had its headquarters in Nyack, NY at the time of the abuses.

Through the eyes of three families, the documentary *All God's Children* (70 minutes) tells the personal story of the first boarding school for children of missionaries to be investigated for abuse at the hands of the parents' missionary colleagues. The survivors and parents share their journey of seeking justice, redemption and healing.

While the American parents were stationed in remote outposts throughout West Africa, their children – starting at the age of 6 - were required to attend the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) boarding school in Mamou, Guinea. Cut off from their parents and without any reliable means of communication, the children quietly suffered from the abuse by the all-missionary staff. It took the children decades to acknowledge the effects on their lives. When they finally dared to speak out, the C&MA denied all allegations and refused to help. Through years of persistent activism the survivors and their parents finally compelled the C&MA to conduct an investigation and acknowledge the abuses. The healing could begin.

"All God's Children is a chilling snapshot of what can happen when an institution like the church ignores the signs of abuse: isolated and vulnerable children are harmed and their trauma remains for years. This is the story of courageous survivors who ask their church for justice and healing. They got less than they deserve. But they stood up for themselves and each other. Thanks be to God."

Rev. Dr. Marie M. Fortune, Faith Trust Institute.

To request a DVD Screener of the film, please email info@allgodschildrenthefilm.com Website (Trailer, Hi-Res Stills, Press Kit, etc.): www.allgodschildrenthefilm.com

The filmmakers and the families featured in the documentary are available for interviews.