

Saturday, January 27, 2024

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On Saturday, January 27, 2024, Kevin Song presents its **Journey of Healing and Hope** – focusing on survivors of suicide. The stories of loss survivors and those with a lived experience will help to ease the pain for those often suffer alone and in silence. These stories will also address how to manage grief offer hope to those who have suffered a loss and those who love and support them. Following the survivor presentations, attendees will have an opportunity to meet privately in group support sessions facilitated by mental health professionals.

Portions of the Saturday program will be live cast on Facebook by DPTV



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## SURVIVING SUICIDE -



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## Keynote Presentations Include:



### Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

*Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate*

#### Suicide as an Unheard Cry from the Soul

The churches are forever trying to save the soul and psychology is always trying to fix the soul. But the soul needs neither to be saved nor fixed. It needs to be listened to! Its cries need to be heard. Are these unheard cries of the soul the reason for many suicides?



### La Toya Bond

*Loss Survivor*

#### Speaking of Love

Healing after a suicide loss is a lifelong journey. In this presentation, La Toya Bond shares her deeply personal story of tragic loss, grief, resilience, hope, and love. This presentation will offer information on how the power of love can help heal the hearts of individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide.



### Scott Teichmer

*Attempt Survivor*

#### Speak the Unspeakable: The Stories We Tell Ourselves; The Stories We Tell Each Other

The power of storytelling and personal narrative: examining one suicide attempt survivor's path from suicide risk to suicide resilience.



### Barb Smith

*Executive Director, Barb Smith Suicide Resource & Response Network*

#### Healing Together...

#### Surviving a Loss to Suicide

Simple yet effective tools and tips to grieve in a healthy way.

## Support Breakout Sessions

*Participants will break into facilitated support groups depending on interests or needs.*