

## Summary

*Domestic violence in the church – intimate partner violence in a pastoral context focused on the Czech evangelical environment*

Foreign research shows that domestic violence does not avoid the church environment. It affects a significant percentage of believers. There are no specific data available describing the situation in the Czech churches but I presume that there won't be a diametrically different situation here. Intimate partner violence in the church is characterized by specific features, such as the occurrence of spiritual violence or religious language and theological emphases that may support it. The situation of persons who experience intimate partner violence is also influenced by the church community and clergy, who can provide pastoral care to victims and to aggressors. The first theoretical part of the thesis will be focused on these aspects. Its goal isn't to investigate the situation in the Czech church environment in detail, but to summarize knowledge about this phenomenon. In the second part of the work qualitative research will be implemented and presented. It explores the view of evangelical clergy on the issue of intimate partner violence and pastoral care. This part will allow more insight and description of the situation in the Czech church environment. Its findings can become an inspiration for further research and a stimulate discussion.

## Keywords

domestic violence, intimate partner violence, church specifics, pastoral care, church, clergy, Czech evangelical denomination