



**Rev. Helen DeLeon** is a native of Houston, Texas. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from University of Houston and masters' degrees in Divinity (McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL) and in Social Work (The University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration). Before entering the ministry, she served as Executive Assistant to the President of Baylor College of Medicine for 18 years. She obtained her bachelor's degree while serving in this position and rearing her two children.

Pastor Helen has served the Webster Presbyterian community of faith for 13 years. Her primary passions are for Care and Mission. She is active in the social justice community, particularly around issues of mental health, addiction, racism, criminal justice, human trafficking, domestic violence, immigration, and wage theft.

Pastor Helen is active in the Presbytery of New Covenant, and currently serves as Moderator of the Committee on Ministry. She serves on a variety of other committees and task forces, as well, including the recently formed Racial Reconciliation group. Helen was trained by the PW to be a facilitator for anti-racism training when she was in seminary, in 1997.

Pastor Helen is the very proud mother of two adult children, Autumn and Michael. Between them with their spouses Jeff and Mary, they have given Helen the great loves of her life, her grandchildren: Jamie, Jordan, Brooke, Fayth, Will, Kaila, Elisabeth, and Hannah.



**Jeff Carr is president of Griffin Communications Group, leading the day-to-day operations of the agency and overseeing strategic communications programs for clients such as Virgin Galactic, Blue Origin, Sierra Nevada Corporation, Orbital ATK, World View, Inspiration Mars Foundation, the Coalition for Space Exploration and other space industry accounts.**

Jeff has 35 years of government and corporate communications and public relations experience. Prior to joining Griffin, he spent 13 years at United Space Alliance as Director of Communications and Public Relations, where he served as chief spokesman and managed the company's brand identity and reputation through strategic communications including media relations, community relations, customer relations, state and local government relations, marketing communications and advertising.

During his NASA career, he worked as Director of Public Affairs and as News Chief at the NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. In 1993, he served as Special Assistant to the NASA Administrator, providing critical transition support and lending insight to key issues and activities for NASA during the early months of the Clinton Administration. He also served as press liaison for the Astronaut Corps and as the "Voice of Mission Control" for more than 40 Space Shuttle missions.

Jeff holds three Telly Awards for national achievement in media production. He received the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal and was a member of the NASA/Industry Communications Team that won the RNASA Space Communicator Award in 2006. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Radio Television Film at the University of Texas at Austin. He is the son of Apollo/Skylab astronaut, Gerald P. Carr, USMC ret.



**Jim White** is a native of Detroit, Michigan. Jim has been researching human trafficking since the early 1980s. He has seen human slavery firsthand all around the world and has dedicated himself to the fight against it. Consequently, Jim has joined forces with Free the Captives to educate people on human trafficking and its forms in our everyday life.

Free the Captives is a local organization that has been instrumental in educating the public, working with law enforcement and rescuing minors that have been sex trafficked. Jim is also directing a men's group, called the Courage Coalition, for men to have an impact on their community and become involved in the fight against human trafficking. Jim resides in the Houston area with his wife, Renee. He is the proud parent of four children all of whom are now Texans.



Free the Captives is a faith-based, anti-human trafficking non-profit that fights the exploitation and trafficking of Houston's youth. We engage and mobilize the Christian community while partnering with non-profits, law enforcement, and government agencies in the fight against modern day slavery. Our Free the Captives works to:

- **RESCUE** trafficked teenagers by working closely with law enforcement,
  - **RESTORE** victims by providing [direct services](#) such as mentoring, tutoring, shelter, & material assistance,
  - **EMPLOY** victims in our [job program](#) and provide much needed income and life skills
  - **PREVENT** trafficking through programming for at-risk teenaged girls and providing education in schools,
  - **DETER** and reduce the demand by focusing on the buyers/Johns through our "Buy Sex? Bye, bye Freedom!" billboard, radio and TV campaign,
  - **CONDUCT RESEARCH** to provide much needed data and to shape public policy, and
  - **EDUCATE** thousands of people each year through their [annual conference](#) and trainings.
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