Trinity
United Methodist Church

Safe Sanctuary Training

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Introductions and Opening

- Lunch & Breaks
- Introductions
- Baptismal Covenant
- Opening Prayer

Purpose & Goals

- Why is this important?
- Why it is required?
- What are the benefits?

Protection / Safe Sanctuary Policy

- Overview of Protection Policy
- Important Definitions
  - Child/Youth
  - Vulnerable Adult
  - Abuse
  - Neglect

Guidelines – Part 1

- Who Can Volunteer
- Adequate Staffing
- Rule of Two
- Check In/Out Policy
- Transportation
- Overnights
- Counseling / Mentoring

Guidelines – Part 2

- Good Touch/Bad Touch
- Building Use/Classrooms
- Restrooms
- Risks and Rewards

Questions on Guidelines?

Best Practices

- When Does Our Policy Apply?
- Ministry with Children
- Ministry with Youth
- Ministry with Special Needs
- Ministry with Vulnerable Adults

Reporting

Warning Signs of Abuse

- Statistics about Abusers
- Physical Signs
- Behavioral Changes
- Parent Behavior
- Grooming Techniques of Predators

Reporting

- What to do if a child/youth/vulnerable adult tells you about possible abuse?
- What to do if you witness abuse?
- Who are mandated reporters?
- Reporting suspected abuse or neglect
- Confidentiality
- Media

Questions?

Paperwork

Paperwork & Next Steps

- Volunteer Interest Form with Photo Release
- Volunteer Driver Application
- *Safe Gatherings*
  - Why?
  - Registration
  - Background Check
  - Reference Check
  - Online Training

Questions?