



SAFE CHURCH REFRESHER ENROLLMENT FORM
SAFE CHURCH CLUSTER STARTING JANUARY 27, 2018

Please review the Safe Church Project Scope document before completing this!

Part 1: About your Church

Name and address of Church: _____

Website: _____

Office phone: _____

Phone contact: _____

Office email: _____

Email contact: _____

Name of Lead or Senior Pastor: _____

Name of person completing this application if other Lead or Senior Pastor: _____

Phone contact: _____

Email Contact: _____

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- 1. What is your average weekend attendance at worship service(s)? _____
2. Approximately how many children age 12 and under are involved regularly in your church? _____
3. Approximately how many youth age 13-18 are involved regularly in your church? _____
4. Do you run a summer camp or Bible School program at your church? Yes [] No [] If yes - about how many children are in your care during the period it is running? _____
5. Does your church host a day care center? Yes [] No [] If yes - about how many children are in care? _____
6. What year did you complete Safe Church? _____ Has your Child and Youth Protection Policy been updated since then? Yes [] No []
7. Does your church still have your Child Protection Committee in place that is responsible for training, policy revision, and suspected child abuse reporting/response? Yes [] No []
8. Are your staff certifications (FBI Fingerprint, Criminal Record Check, Child Abuse History Certification) up to date? Yes [] No []
9. Are your certifications for volunteers working with children (Criminal Record Check, Child Abuse History Certification, FBI fingerprint if not a resident of PA for the past 10 years) up to date? Yes [] No []

10. When did your church last offer a staff and volunteer refresher training? _____

11. Does your church offer education for parents and others on how to protect children from sexual abuse?

Yes No If yes – how often? _____

12. Does your church use a Christian education curriculum such as Circle of Grace for children and teens on how to protect themselves from inappropriate contact? Yes No If yes - how often? _____

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Part 2: The Covenant

By signing this letter, we express our desire to participate in Safe Church with Samaritan Counseling Center beginning January, 2018 and ending July, 2018. We agree to abide by the commitments noted below and will faithfully complete the project to the best of our ability.

We understand that we will be expected to pay for the services provided by Samaritan, which may be paid in two installments. The discounted rate for churches who have previously completed Safe Church is \$100 for churches with an average attendance of less than 100, \$200 for churches with an average attendance between 100-350, and \$300 for churches with an average attendance of more than 350. Some assistance with the fee may be available if your church is unable to afford it. Samaritan Partner churches may use vouchers worth \$100 each to pay a portion of the fee.

We also understand that the policy template and appendix forms provided by Samaritan Safe Church are provided only for use by churches participating in Samaritan Safe Church. Other use is prohibited without written permission by Samaritan Counseling Center, Lancaster, PA.

We agree to:

1. Form a Safe Church team of three or more people and insure that at least three team members attend each cluster meeting. (A substitute may be designated if a member cannot attend.)
2. Our team will work in between cluster meetings to review and update policy segments as instructed in cluster meetings, and to communicate with our congregation about the project, including using resources to raise awareness.
3. As part of our policy, we will stipulate the formation of a standing Child Protection Committee to insure policy is followed, and education and training is ongoing; we will include the guidelines under PA Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) for mandated reporting of suspected child abuse, we will incorporate a “two adult” rule for volunteers and staff working with children and youth; and we will include a section on how our church will deal with a known sexual offender that desires to participate in our congregation.
4. We will promote and set up 2 one-hour congregational “Safe Church” educational sessions during the program time. Samaritan Safe Church will provide these presentations on site at each church.
5. Submit or obtain screening certification forms (i. e. background checks) for all staff and volunteers working with children as required by state law.
6. Require all staff and volunteers working with children who have not already attended the four hour training on mandated reporting that is part of this project and, at the church’s expense, make provisions for any “make up” sessions needed for volunteers/staff that cannot attend.

7. Publicize and promote the survivors retreat in our congregation encouraging survivors to attend to help create worship resources to raise awareness in the faith communities
8. Commit to implementing a two to four week curriculum of child abuse prevention in our Christian Educational program for grades K-12.
9. Share the final updated policy approved by the church governing body with Samaritan Counseling Center.

Signed by:

Pastor: _____ Date: _____

Governing Board or Leadership Team Chair: _____ Date: _____

Return to: Samaritan Counseling Center
Attention: Deb Helt, Senior Safe Church Facilitator
1803 Oregon Pike
Lancaster PA 17601

ENROLLMENT FORM MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE CLUSTER

- Confirmation of enrollment will be sent by email
- Upon enrollment in Safe Church, you will be invoiced for the fee which may be paid in two installments if desired. Samaritan Partner churches may use vouchers worth \$100 each for part of the fee. If you cannot afford the full fee, please let us know at the time of your enrollment so we can seek funding support.
- The first core team meeting will be on Saturday, January 27, 2018. You will receive a full project schedule with all of the training dates with your confirmation of enrollment.

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