

## Safe Church Facilitator Training



*Do you want to assist churches to join the emerging movement to end child sexual abuse? Do you believe people of faith have a contribution to make to keeping all children safe from sexual harm not just in church but in the community? If so, you now have an opportunity to receive training and material to facilitate Safe Church for ecumenical “Clusters” of congregations in your community, or to work as a facilitator within your judicatory/denomination.*

**Safe Church** involves an 11 month dynamic group process that shifts congregational culture from denial and passivity to proactive engagement and advocacy for keeping children safe from abuse not only in church but in scouts, school, sports, home and community. Facilitators lead 5-10 churches in a “Cluster” through this interactive process that includes:

- 21 hours of training for a “safe church” team from each participating congregation meeting six times in a “Cluster”
- Interactive policy template with best practices to tailor for each congregation, including mandated reporting. Start from scratch OR upgrade existing policies.
- 2 hours of adult education at each church
- 3.5 hours of training for church staff and volunteers
- Adult survivors’ retreat (one day)
- *Circle of Grace* healthy boundaries curriculum for grades K-12

**Facilitator trainings must be sponsored/hosted by an organization such as a Counseling/Advocacy Center; or a Judicatory. Other sponsor types are considered on a case-by-case basis. Sponsors work with newly trained facilitators to implement Safe Church in their community or judicatory following the training.**

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