

## **ANNOUNCING CRC SAFE CHURCH MINI-GRANTS - 2017**

***CRC Safe Church Ministry is offering mini-grants, of up to \$2,500 each, to safe church team members, for planning educational or team training events that fit within our mission of equipping congregations in abuse awareness, prevention, and response.***

We simply don't have the resources to hire safe church staff in every classis or region. We depend on YOU, our faithful volunteers who are passionate about safe church ministry to coordinate educational events in your own church or classis. This mini-grant opportunity will allow you, as the event coordinator, to receive an honorarium for your work – up to \$500. And it will offer an additional amount, up to \$2,000, to help pay for presenter fees, travel, lodging and materials needed for the event. In addition, Safe Church Ministry will provide consultation and assistance each step of the way to help make sure that your event is as successful as possible. All applications are due by February 1, 2017. You will receive notification of approval on or before February 15. The event must be held within the calendar year 2017.

Funds will be distributed as soon as possible after the event has taken place. A signed contract with each speaker or presenter, and receipts for all expenses, are required for distribution of funds. Therefore, you will need to work with an individual, a church, or a classis that is willing to fund the event up front – then the mini-grant funds will be distributed as a reimbursement to the funder. All Mini-Grant applications will be selected for approval at the sole discretion of the Safe Church Ministry staff.

### **Events most likely to receive mini-grants will possess:**

1. An event coordinator who has demonstrated experience with CRC Safe Church Ministry and/or planning events, and is willing to work hard to make the event successful.
2. Evidence of support from local and regional collaborators, such as congregations, pastors, ministry leaders, and/or organizations in the field of abuse prevention and response.
3. Use of known and respected presenters, including those recommended by CRC Safe Church Ministry.
4. A theme or purpose for the event that fits well with the mission of CRC Safe Church Ministry and also meets identified needs in the place the event will be held.

### **The Application will Request the Following Information:**

- Name of Event Coordinator:
- Address:
- Phone and Email:
- Church and Classis:
- Title and Description of Event: (Please limit to a paragraph or two)
- Host Site: (Please include address)
- Collaborative Partners: (Please include the nature of each partnership in one phrase or sentence)
- Name(s) of Presenters for the event:
- Estimated Budget: (include all estimated costs for hosting the event)
- Estimated Specific Costs to be Covered by Mini-grant Funds:
  - Presenter Fee:
  - Presenter Travel and Meal Costs:
  - Presenter Lodging:
  - Materials:

## **JUST A FEW PRESENTER IDEAS:**

American Bible Society Trauma Healing – Dana Ergenbright – <http://thi.americanbible.org/>

Dove's Nest – Anna Groff – <http://dovesnest.net/> (Circle of Grace)

GRACE –Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment – [www.netgrace.org](http://www.netgrace.org)

Hope of Survivors – Samantha Nelson – <http://www.thehopeofsurvivors.com/>

Mennonite Central Committee (Canada) – <https://mcccand.ca/> (Circle of Grace)

Plan to Protect – Melodie Bissell – <http://www.plantoprotect.com/en/home/>

Samaritan SafeChurch – Linda Crockett – <http://scclanc.org/safechurch/>

Shalem Mental Health Network – Anne Martin – <http://shalemnetwork.org/> (Restorative Practices)

Local organizations such as domestic violence shelters, child protective service agencies, rape crisis centers, offices on aging, etc.

Or:

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Note: Remember, Safe Church Ministry has a travel expense account for the director. So... the Safe Church Ministry director may be available for educational and training events without any speaker fees or travel costs to you.