



Safe Church Ministry

Equipping Congregations in Abuse Awareness, Prevention, and Response

Safe Church Ministry equips congregations in abuse awareness, prevention, and response. We help build communities where the value of each person is honored; where people are free to worship and grow free from abuse; and where abuse has occurred, the response is compassion and justice that foster healing.

Explore our Services

- **Consulting:** When situations of abuse arise in the church, Safe Church staff provide guidance to councils and church leadership to help them respond in ways that support the healing of the survivor.
- **Coaching:** Safe Church staff offer coaching, networking opportunities, and training for safe church coordinators/teams.
- **Event/Training Support:** Safe Church staff provide logistical support to safe church coordinators/teams in hosting online training events for their classes.
- **Safe Church Grants:** Safe Church offers seed money of \$1500 to classes to appoint a classical safe church coordinator and awards mini-grants of up to \$750 for safe church coordinators/teams to develop safe church initiatives.

Stay Connected

Be sure you are subscribed to the following channels to get updated on the newest resources, events and conversations within Safe Church:

- Safe Church Ministry on the CRCNA Network Blog | network.crcna.org/safe-church
- Safe Church Ministry on Facebook | www.facebook.com/SafeChurchMinistry
- Safe Church Ministry Newsletter | tinyurl.com/3665awkj
- Safe Church Ministry YouTube Channel | www.youtube.com/safechurchministry



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Explore our Resources

- **Abuse Awareness:** Resources to help churches increase awareness and understanding of abuse within their congregations. Each year, Safe Church chooses a different theme for abuse awareness Sunday that explores one of the many aspects of abuse, including domestic abuse, abuse by church leaders, child abuse, pornography and others. See www.crcna.org/SafeChurch/abuse-awareness.
- **Responding to Abuse Toolkit:** A practical toolkit that provides advice for church councils, staff, safe church team members, and advocates to respond to allegations of abuse in ways that are just and compassionate.
- **Circle of Grace:** A K-12 curriculum, designed to supplement and enhance your church education program by discussing and empowering children to protect themselves from abuse in age-appropriate ways.
- **Restorative Congregations:** A set of principles and tools offered for congregations and communities to be restorative with one another. More information can be found at www.crcna.org/SafeChurch/restorative.
- **Safe Church Policy Toolkit:** This toolkit will help you start the important work of policy formation, identify some basic important components of a policy and share some key "go-to" places for further assistance. For more information, see www.crcna.org/SafeChurch/safe-church-policy.
- **Safe Church Webinars:** Safe Church Ministry offers regular webinars designed to help equip and educate churches in abuse prevention and awareness. See www.crcna.org/SafeChurch.
- **Safe Church Assessment:** A practical risk assessment tool designed to help churches assess the safety and health of their congregation in terms of abuse prevention, awareness, and response.
- **Online Abuse of Power Training:** An online training for pastors and other ministry leaders on the use and abuse of power, maintaining healthy boundaries, and pastoral ethics.
- **Online Advisory Panel Process Training:** This online training will equip Safe Church Coordinators and Teams to participate in an Advisory Panel when allegations of abuse arise.

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