

Want to know about **SAFE SANCTUARIES® TRAINING ANNUAL ORIENTATON?**

“All adults who work with children, youth, and vulnerable adults shall have an annual orientation that includes but is not limited to the church's/ministry's Safe Sanctuaries® policies and procedures as it applies to the ministry/event.” (Upper New York’s Safe Sanctuaries® Minimum Standards 2016)

What is the annual orientation?

The “annual” part is easy – once every year. Orientation is determining the relative position of someone or something.

A Safe Sanctuaries® annual orientation is the opportunity to review the church’s/ministry’s policy and procedures.

It could also be an opportunity to work through potential situations that could occur in ministries.

Perhaps a new ministry is being initiated and Safe Sanctuaries® procedures need to be determined.

A certified Safe Sanctuaries® trainer is not required.

How might we accomplish the annual orientation?

>Use scenarios: Have workers describe situations that has happened or could happen. Then discuss.

>Use the “Safe Sanctuaries® and Ministries with Older Adults” workshop kit available from UNY Media Resource Center. Four learning stations are: Why Safe Sanctuaries® for Older Adults, Abuse-Types, Signs, and Indications, Building a Safe Sanctuary for Older Adults, and Protecting Older Adults

>For a new ministry consider possible risks and identify best practices to reduce the risks.
>View a video from UMC Discipleship Ministries.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/safe-sanctuaries>

Topics include: Best Practices, Background Checks, Mandatory Reporting, Protecting Vulnerable Adults, Healthy Social Media Guidelines, Registered Sex Offenders, Training Leaders, Policies, Guidelines & Procedures.

>Write best practices or areas of concern on a piece of white paper and wad them up. Have a “snowball fight” by throwing papers at each other. Read then discuss the topic on the papers.

>Write best practices or areas of concern on a piece of paper, fold and put inside a plastic Easter egg. Put the eggs in a basket and pass the basket among the workers who will each take an egg. Read then discuss the topic on the papers.

>Label “jenga” wooden blocks with best practices that need review. Pull out a block, read the label and discuss.

>Invite a community worker such as a DSS Child Protective Services worker or law enforcement officer to talk about child abuse issues and prevention

>Distribute/view policy and procedures and read through. Instead of reading through: select items that aren’t well enforced and offer praise for those that are done well.



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