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SAFE CHURCH

The Episcopal Diocese of WNC requires that many who serve in our churches complete Safe Church Training, and we joyfully comply: the safety of the vulnerable in our communities is one of our highest priorities! This training teaches participants how to recognize the signs of sexual abuse and the behavior of sexual perpetrators and how to respond to those signs and behaviors when they are observed; it also provides screening information to help stop abuse before it happens. It teaches leaders to become aware of power imbalances, abuse of authority, and the best ways to protect the vulnerable.

Because incidents of violence, hatred, and sexual misconduct occur in our world, the Church must maintain ethical and moral standards that clearly communicate what is, and what is not, acceptable behavior on the part of those called to Church leadership. Since trust is so fundamental to the well-being of the Christian community, Christian people have the right to expect that their leaders, both lay and ordained, understand and are committed to standards of behavior that are trustworthy.

THOSE REQUIRED TO TAKE SAFE CHURCH TRAINING INCLUDE

- Clergy
- Church staff - Anyone on the payroll of the church (not including contractors)
- Vestry members and anyone elected to a governing body
- Anyone who works with children or youth (including tutors and VBS volunteers)
- Anyone who makes at-home or other visits on behalf of the church
- Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Stephens Ministers, etc.
- Jail ministry visitors
- School and preschool staff