

## RESOURCES

### Information on Raising Awareness of or Responses to Sexual Abuse

#### General Resources:

- Safe Connections: What Parishioners can do to Understand and Prevent Clergy Sexual Abuse (ELCA publication available at <http://www.elca.org/Growing-in-Faith/Vocation/Rostered-Leadership/Leadership-Support/Safe-Place/General-Resources.aspx>)
- “Key Liability Risks for Religious Organizations” (Church Mutual Insurance Company webinar recorded Nov. 1, 2012 available at <http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Ministries/Office-of-the-Secretary/Congregation-Administration/ELCA-Endorsed-Property-and-Liability-Insurance-Program/ELCA-Endorsed-Insurance-Program-Safety-and-Loss-Prevention-Materials> and from [www.churchmutual.com](http://www.churchmutual.com) under “Safety Resources”)
- “Reducing the Risk of Sexual Misconduct” (Church Mutual Insurance Company pamphlet available through the same links as in the preceding bullet)

#### Resources on Child/Youth Protection:

- Safe Sanctuaries—Reducing the Risk of Child Abuse in the Church (by Joy Thornburg Melton; book and DVD available for purchase from Upper Room Bookstore, <http://www.upperroom.org>)
- Preventing Child Sexual Abuse within Youth-Serving Organizations: Getting started on policies and procedures (HHS/CDC booklet available at <http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Office-of-the-Secretary/Congregation-Administration/Legal-Issues-for-Congregations/Questions-About-Protecting-Children-and-Adults-from-Abuse.aspx>)
- “Ensure Safe Boundaries in Youth Ministries” and “Youth Ministry is Risky Business” (ELCA Youth Ministry Help Sheets available at <http://www.elca.org/Growing-in-Faith/Ministry/ELCA-Youth-Ministry/Resources/Help-Sheets>, under “Leadership Guidelines”)
- “Safety Tips on a Sensitive Subject—Child Sexual Abuse” (Church Mutual Insurance Company pamphlet and available at <http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Office-of-the-Secretary/Congregation-Administration/ELCA-Endorsed-Property-and-Liability-Insurance-Program/ELCA-Endorsed-Insurance-Program-Safety-and-Loss-Prevention-Materials>, under “Church Mutual Insurance Company’s Sample Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Program for Religious Organizations” and from [www.churchmutual.com](http://www.churchmutual.com) under “Safety Resources”)

- “Safeguarding God’s Children Training” available through the Episcopal Diocese of Washington: see <http://www.edow.org/for-clergy-and-parish-leaders/safe-church/safeguarding-gods-children-training>
- “Reducing the Risk II” educational and training kit available to purchase from [www.reducingtherisk.com](http://www.reducingtherisk.com)

### **Resources on Sexual Harassment:**

- Safe Connections: What Parishioners can do to Understand and Prevent Clergy Sexual Abuse (ELCA publication available at <http://www.elca.org/Growing-in-Faith/Vocation/Rostered-Leadership/Leadership-Support/Safe-Place/General-Resources.aspx>)
- “Statement of Policy Regarding Sexual Misconduct by Members of the Clergy and Rostered Laypersons” (Metropolitan Washington, DC Synod) [Link]
- “Safeguarding God’s People: Preventing Sexual Harassment of Church Workers” (Church Pension Group training kit available for purchase: see <https://www.cpg.org/administrators/insurance/preventing-sexual-misconduct/training-resources>)

### **Sample policies**

- If your congregation is in the process of developing a policy and would like to see samples of policies from other congregations, call the synod office and we can direct you to other congregations with existing policies.
- “Model Child Protection Policy” (Delaware Maryland Synod guidance to its congregations available at <http://demdsynod.org/mission-teams/mission-through-congregations/youth-and-family-ministry/resources>)
- “Sample Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Program for Religious Organizations” (Church Mutual Insurance Company document available at [www.churchmutual.com](http://www.churchmutual.com))
- “Model Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse” and “Model Policies for the Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Church Workers” (available from the Church Pension Group at <https://www.cpg.org/administrators/insurance/preventing-sexual-misconduct/model-policies-and-resolutions>)

### **Please note:**

**Any of the above samples need to be adapted to your congregation’s particular circumstances and should be reviewed by your congregation’s legal advisor.**