RESOURCES

Information on Raising Awareness of or Responses to Sexual Abuse

General 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)

“Reducing the Risk II” educational and training kit available to purchase from www.reducingtherisk.com

Resources on Sexual Harassment:

- “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.
- “Sample Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Program for Religious Organizations” (Church Mutual Insurance Company document available at www.churchmutual.com)

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.