

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

MANDATORY SEXUAL MISCONDUCT PREVENTION TRAINING DATES FOR 2010

“Members of presbytery at the time this policy is approved must complete an approved educational event prior to December 31, 2012. Honorably retired pastors not engaged in pastoral work only have to sign an acknowledgement of having received the policy with expectation they have read and understand it—but will be required to attend an event before being validated for a return to active service in a validated call.” [From “PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY: SEXUAL MISCONDUCT” adopted by presbytery Nov. 20, 2008.]

Presbytery’s Sexual Misconduct Response Team will be offering four educational events in 2010 and one in 2011 and one in 2012. Please note that this training is mandatory for all ordained Ministers of Word and Sacrament (except Honorably Retired not engaged in a validated ministry). All meetings will begin with 8:30 registration and go until 4:30; only those present for the full training will be certified. Cost will be \$5 for lunch and materials.

All meetings are also open to anyone from your congregation who has any form of responsibility for or accountability for providing prevention of sexual misconduct in your ministries. The a.m. is especially focused on handling situations that arise within a congregational context.

Please select one of the following dates so that you can meet this requirement at the earliest possible date. [Note that 2011 and 2012 will only have one training date.]

REGISTRATION ON REVERSE:

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010 (SAN CLEMENTE)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, (FULLERTON)

SATURDAY, JUNE 5 (TUSTIN)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 (LB GRACE FIRST)

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT PREVENTION TRAINING

2010 Registration

I/We are registering for the training event at _____
on _____

Name(s): _____

Congregation: _____

Primary Contact Person (whom can get information to all participants):

Name: _____ email: _____

Phone: _____

Our congregation has _____ does not have _____ a policy regarding preventing sexual misconduct by staff, volunteers, etc.

a.m. will focus on: Definitions; legal & ethical issues; reporting processes; mandatory reporting requirements; confidentiality vs secrets; congregational policies and procedures; insurance; liability issues; technology issues; resources available.

p.m. will focus on: boundary issues; case studies; power dynamics; psychological issues; self care; presbytery's policy for pastors; polity; the cost to congregations.

Members of the Sexual Misconduct Response Team:

Amy Pope, Attorney

Howard Prohl, Attorney (and COM)

Rev. Candie Blankman, COM (and moderator of team that wrote policy)

Beth Bolsinger, MFT

Rev. Lucy Stafford-Lewis, MFT

Susan Thornton, Educator (and key resource on congregational policies)

Sandy Dobras, MSW

Rev. Randy Steele, former COM member and active on teams in other presbyteries

[co-opted: Brandon Pendergraft, therapist with extensive experience with pastors involved in sexual misconduct behavior]