



May 13, 2022

Colleagues in Ministry,

As was the case last year, the Sacred Boundaries planning team has arranged two options from which members due for training in 2022 may choose. You are receiving this communication because records indicate it is your time to take or retake such training. If you have recently (within the last three years) taken such training elsewhere, please be in touch about credit for doing so.

Both options are asynchronous online courses of approximately two hours to be scheduled individually at a time that works on each one's schedule. The course you choose will then be followed at another time by a one-hour debriefing session with members of the planning team via Zoom.

The only constraint on when you schedule the selected online course is that it be completed prior to October 1, 2022. Several alternative times for Zoom debriefing sessions will be scheduled. The presbytery office will receive reports on when you have registered for a course and when you have completed it. We will monitor these reports and propose possible debriefing sessions as soon as a critical mass has completed a course. Everyone will need to complete the selected course no later than September 30 so there will be ample time to schedule needed debriefing sessions before Advent begins!

Here are the online courses from which you may choose:

- [Clergy Ethics Course](#)
  - o Clicking on this [link](#) will give you full details of the course.
- [Safe Gatherings Training Course](#) is a comprehensive training empowering leaders to protect children, youth and vulnerable adults through greater awareness of:
  - o Sexual predators and their habits •
  - o Types of abuse •
  - o Signs of abuse •
  - o How to respond to disclosure of abuse •
  - o Mandatory reporting •
  - o and more!

Both courses are furnished through SafeGatherings.com. Before you begin the registration process for either course read the next two sentences that indicate “color codes” for each course.

If you want to register for the Safe Gatherings Training Course you will click the red button at the top of the page labelled “New User.”

If you want to register for the Clergy Ethics Course you will click on the green button at the top of the page labelled “Clergy Ethics Course.”

Once you have decided on which color button to use, go to the home page by clicking [here](#).

After choosing your course, the next page will ask you to establish your own account, working your way through several pull-down menus. After you choose “Presbyterian” as the denomination, and select the State of North Carolina, you are asked to indicate your specific organization. Begin typing “western” and the option for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina will appear. Next you will enter your personal information to establish your account with a password. This will take you to the next screen where you enter additional details and agree to terms of service. On the following screen you are asked to pay for your course online with a credit card. If you would like to be reimbursed for the cost forward a copy of your electronic receipt to [lpresley@presbyterywnc.org](mailto:lpresley@presbyterywnc.org) when you have completed the course. When you take the final quiz for your course, presbytery will receive a notification that you have completed it.

If you encounter any difficulties in this process, please be in touch with Cam Murchison ([cmurc1@gmail.com](mailto:cmurc1@gmail.com); 404-556-8041) or with Tonya Williams ([twilliams@presbyterywnc.org](mailto:twilliams@presbyterywnc.org); 828-438-4217). Thanks for joining us in exploring new ways to ensure healthy and sacred boundaries in PWNC.

Grace and peace,

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