

Classis Huron Safe Church Committee Report, May 18, 2022

Mandate: Classis Huron Safe Church Committee is mandated:

1. To function as an Abuse Response Team according to Synodical Guidelines (as annotated for Classis Huron).
2. To provide comprehensive and on-going education and support to our churches in the prevention of and response to abuse.
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Membership Update:

We are still in need of representatives of the Acton, Cambridge and Orangeville churches. Representatives have a key role in contributing to the ongoing issues and events, ensuring that all churches in Classis Huron have a voice and are kept informed.

Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference

On March 5th Classis Huron Safe Church Committee hosted their Annual Safe Church Conference. The virtual conference consisted of two webinars. The first was a virtual tour of the former Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School, presented by the Woodland Cultural Centre (Brantford ON). The second a presentation by Priya Andrade (interim Canadian Justice and Reconciliation Mobilizer Indigenous Ministry, CRCNA), which focused on CRC's engagement in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action in Canada by repenting and lamenting its role in the cultural violence committed towards Indigenous Peoples. The webinars proved to be very popular and filled up quickly resulting in a wait list which we were able to eliminate by encouraging small groups of people to join the webinar together.

Updates from the office of Safe Church Ministries

Abuse Awareness Sunday

For this year's Abuse Awareness Sunday, September 25th, as well as the upcoming webinar series, we are going back to the basics of abuse prevention awareness and response by focusing on five steps to becoming a safer church. You may find the bulletin insert by clicking on the link below, additional materials for the Abuse Awareness Sunday are being prepared and will become available soon.

https://network.crcna.org/sites/default/files/documents/39122%20Safe%20Church%20Bulletins_insert%20final.pdf

Safe Church Webinar Series 2022: The Safe Church Basics

Safe Church will be hosting 5 webinars throughout 2022 that will focus on **Safe Church Basics: Five Steps to a Safer Church. Join us!**

The webinars will happen every other month on Wednesdays at 12:00 PM Eastern (9:00 AM Pacific).



Details on the 2022 Safe Church Basics webinars can be found at this link
<https://network.crcna.org/safe-church/2022-webinar-series-safe-church-basics-five-steps-safer-church>

JOIN US AT INSPIRE 2022

For information and to register for the Safe Church Ministry Inspire 2022 Workshops use the following link.

<https://network.crcna.org/safe-church/safe-church-ministry-inspire-pre-conference-and-workshop-descriptions>

As always, your Safe Church Committee is available for consultation, training and support. In addition, we have available many resources such as books and videos to assist your church with training and presentations.

Respectfully submitted
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