



**Presbytery of de Cristo
and
Presbytery of Grand Canyon**



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“Instead, he who has called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct”. (1Peter1:15)

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Dear Friends,

The Presbyteries of Grand Canyon and de Cristo are pleased to now offer at no cost, comprehensive on-line Abuse Prevention training. Even if you currently have a sexual misconduct policy, The Insurance Board recommends taking their Self Assessment to identify any additional needs. They offer an extensive number of tools to help you create a comprehensive plan that is right for your ministry.

The following materials are available on the Presbytery Websites:

www.pbygrandcanyon.org and www.presbyterydecristo.org

There you will find:

A Sexual Misconduct Policy Template

A complete abuse prevention policy template is provided. A Word document, it will save you hours of debate and drafting! It includes guidance and essential content mission from many policies.

Self -Assessment

If you have a written policy now, there is a FREE self assessment tool. On-line. Interactive. A private space to evaluate your church's abuse prevention policies and to plan improvement

Begin Boundary Training

Training is free for all Grand Canyon and de Cristo Presbytery members! In addition to teaching elders Armatus training is recommended for staff and volunteers and is done online. Begin by contacting Carolyn McBurney at the Presbytery office- carolynmcburney@gmail.com . Applicants will be assigned Login IDs and Passwords and instructions for beginning the on-line training.

Background Checks

Background Check application forms. Download and complete a background check application for the person being hired. Send a hard copy (never email forms with Social Security numbers) to the Presbytery office with at least a one week lead time. The presbytery will bill your church once the background check is complete. Churches insured by the Insurance Board get 50% off the cost of any level of background check. (Regular rate: Basic \$10, Mid- \$12.50

Message from Brad Munroe, Presbytery Pastor

Abuse Prevention training as well as Child, Youth and Adult Protection training is vital for the responsible conduct of ministry and for creating safe, nurturing environments, and I am pleased the presbytery now offers this training. Please affirm the importance of this work with your own participation and by encouraging paid staff and volunteers to participate. Together we are vigilant that all children may be safe.

If you have any questions, please contact the Presbytery office at 602-468-3820.

In Christ,
Brad Munroe
Pastor to the Presbytery



FREE On-Line Abuse Prevention Training



Now Available to all

Grand Canyon and de Cristo Presbytery Churches

It is a sad reality that churches are susceptible to the threat that a child may suffer sexual abuse by someone within the church whose mission was to protect that child. A single incident of abuse can result in dramatic legal fees, loss of reputation, and soaring insurance costs.

Statistically:

- 1 in 4 females and 1 in 7 males will be sexually abused by the age of 1
- Insurance and case reviews in recent years show a 300 % increase in child to child sexual abuse

Abuse Does Not Have to Happen

The Insurance Board, provider of coverage for most churches in your presbytery, has partnered with Praesidium, the national leader in abuse risk management, to provide FREE ONLINE ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING to all PC(USA) church and related entities, such as camps. Praesidium's online training will help your staff reduce the risk that a child in your care will be sexually abused by an employee, volunteer, or another child.

The Armatus program combines Praesidium's decades of experience in abuse prevention with the accessibility and convenience of the internet to deliver effective, engaging and economical training to everyone who is part of your church. **To register for this training, call Carolyn McBurney at the Presbytery office at 602-468-3820. Participants will be issued a log-in ID and password and can begin their training for FREE!**

Training modules and their teaching points include:

Meet Sam– The three types of molesters, three things they need in order to offend, and the types of boundaries they often violate

It Happened to Me– The long-term effects of abuse, which children are vulnerable to abuse, why they don't tell, what to do if they tell you

Keeping Your Church Safe– 5 specific actions to keep children safe, importance of a watchful eye, what to do in a suspicious situation

Keeping Your Camp Safe– The abuse risks at camp, 6 locations where abuse is most likely to happen, how all staff and volunteers can make a difference

ALSO- The Presbytery is now offering discounted background screening services.

If your church is covered by The Insurance Board, you get 50% off the basic, mid-range and Praesidium packages. Visit www.pbygrandcanyon or www.decrisstopresbytery.org and click on "Clerk's Corner" for a list of prices and application form.