



# Safe Sanctuaries

Protecting our children, youth & churches  
IN THE NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The New York Annual Conference's Safe Sanctuaries Training has moved to a regional approach. Four individuals in the NYAC are trained and available to lead workshops on Safe Sanctuaries. If your church is interested in serving as host for a training in your area, please contact the trainer nearest to you geographically to set up dates convenient for you.

## Introducing Our Regional Safe Sanctuaries Consultants

### Elizabeth D. Christie

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Elizabeth has been working in the field of Christian Education for the past ten years. When not teaching or writing, you can find her running after her terrific husband and four awesome children.

### Debbie Mecca

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Debbie has been a Christian Educator in churches in NY and CT for over 24 years. She has also been a consultant with the NY CT District, working with churches to improve and enhance their children's and youth ministries. Debbie is currently the Director of Youth and Children's Ministries at Memorial UMC in Avon, CT, where her husband Tony serves as pastor.

### Cassandra Negri

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Cassandra has been involved in children's programs for 18 years including: Children's Ministry Director at Vail's Gate UMC (Sunday School, VBS), Hudson Valley Council BSA (proud mom of an Eagle Scout), and Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson.

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Arturo is a retired elder in the New York Annual Conference, and currently serves the Hauppauge UMC and First UMC in Central Islip. He is also the Hispanic Ministries Consultant for the conference. He is available to conduct workshops in both Spanish and English.