

New York Annual Conference

## Safe Sanctuaries Policy Checklist

Use the following questions to make sure your church's Safe Sanctuaries policy is up to date.

1. Does your church have a Safe Sanctuaries policy?
2. Has the policy been updated in the last year?
  - a. If yes, give date
  - b. If not, make a date to do so in the next 30 days.
3. Does your policy meet the [NYAC Minimum Standards](#)?
4. Does your church's insurance company have any policy requirements?
5. Are all criminal background checks for staff and volunteers up to date?
6. Are all volunteers and staff who work with children, youth and vulnerable adults trained annually in your church's policy in
  - a. Recognizing signs of abuse
  - b. Preventing instances of abuse and/or allegations of abuse
  - c. Reporting procedures
  - d. The policy's Response Plan
7. Has your congregation taken the Safe Sanctuaries pledge this year, preferably during worship or at your charge conference?

The pledge: We, the members of (*insert name of your church*), take our Safe Sanctuaries policy seriously. We are committed to enforcing our policy for the safety of all our children, youth, and vulnerable adults, as well as for our staff and volunteers.

If you have any questions or need any help with your church's Safe Sanctuaries policy, email [childrensministry@nyac-umc.com](mailto:childrensministry@nyac-umc.com).