



SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY AND PROCEDURES TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Hamilton Conference will be offering several opportunities for training for the new Official Policy and Procedures Document of The United Church of Canada on Sexual Abuse and Child Abuse for Ministry Personnel as well as Pastoral Charge and Presbytery Officers.

Pastoral Charge & Presbytery Officers

The Hamilton Conference Coordinating Committee on Sexual Abuse invites you to attend a training event on the new Sexual Abuse Policy for The United Church of Canada which came into effect on July 1, 2007.

This event is a wonderful opportunity to prepare yourselves for your roles as Board Chairs, Chairs of Council, Clerks of Session, M & P Committee members, etc., should a complaint under the new Sexual Abuse Policy arise in your congregation.

The training will include a detailed review of the new Sexual Abuse policy as well as opportunity to consider some of the issues related to maintaining the sacred trust we have been given as leaders in the church.

Ministry Personnel

It is the policy of Hamilton Conference that all Ministry Personnel, including Voluntary Associate Ministers, serving pastoral charges or outreach ministries in this Conference are expected to take training offered by CCOSA, concerning The United Church of Canada's Sexual Abuse/Harassment policy, every three years. Newly appointed Ministry Personnel would be expected to take this training in their first year.

In order to facilitate all ministry personnel meeting this requirement, the Conference Coordinating Committee on Sexual Abuse (CCOSA) will offer four identical workshops in various locations in the spring of 2008.

We ask that you mark in your calendar now the date and location most convenient for you and plan to attend. More detailed information and an RSVP request will be sent out at a later date.

Saturday, November 17, 2007
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Hamilton Conference Office
1552 Hwy 6 N.

Please RSVP to Janet Macaulay
jmacaulay@hamconf.org or 905-659-3343 ext 230
before November 9, 2007.

Thursday, April 10, 2008

9:00 a.m. to Noon
Forest Hill United Church
Kitchener, ON

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Burford United Church
Burford, ON

Thursday, June 12, 2008

9:00 a.m. to Noon
St. Paul's United Church
Oakville, ON

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Trinity United Church
Grimsby, ON