



Safeguarding God's Children Convention Report 2020

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Mission Statement: Safeguarding God's Children curriculum prepares parishes to prevent sexual misconduct toward children within the context of the Episcopal Church. The Goal is to reach every person with this training within the diocese and congregation, pre-schools and child care and youth entities that have a home in our parishes and relate to children; including those who are employed or works with and ministers to and with children and youth.

Outcomes for 2020

Due to Covid-19 we restructured our training requirements for those who have not had face to face training and for those who are in training to teach SGC in their convocations. A hybrid model was developed through use of zoom and online SGC.

1. Training Trainers: 2 new trainers trained predominantly in Harrisburg Convocation and Lancaster Convocation. Training Trainers Event was done virtually and SGC will continue to mentor new trainers with the hope of establishing trainers in every convocation and eventually every parish.
2. 10 congregations participated in the new hybrid training with one hour of virtual training to go over the policy and procedure manual for the Diocese of Central PA and to be available for questions, with a three module on line follow up through SGC on line.
3. Encourage parish training to continue to meet administration responsibilities: Copies of the child abuse clearances required of the participants and copies of their certificates of completion are maintained by the individual parishes.
4. Web update with all information including new trainers.
5. Online-training available with Deacon Hank Morrow, issuing user name and passwords

The training process as offered now includes:

1. Collaborative community building around issues of children and youth ministry.
2. Training for all youth leaders and youth leadership for Diocesan Retreats
3. Outreach to smaller parishes and facilitation of collaborative training opportunities.
4. Encouragement for congregations to offer programs for parents.
5. Creation of ongoing communication through the web.
6. Developing an increased community awareness and collective commitment to protect the children of the diocese with zero tolerance.

Respectfully Submitted

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