

"The obligation to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being is binding for all the baptized. The authority with which leaders — ordained persons, adults who minister with minors (children and youth), youth in leadership roles, and adults who minister with vulnerable — are entrusted, creates an inherent power imbalance in the pastoral relationship. This power imbalance derives from the leadership role and, in the case of clergy, the symbolic authority of an ordained person. Christian leadership is intended to provide occasions for guidance and grace, and its abuse is always and unequivocally wrong."

(<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/safe-church/>)

The Diocese of Kentucky is committed to providing the training for all. We are currently not using the training modules offered through the Praesidium academy. We will announce when those will be ready. There will be two zoom trainings this month—one for Safe Church and one for Safeguarding God's children. Please check the list to see what you need to take. The sessions will be recorded.

Who is required to take Safe Church Training?

(children and youth will be covered in this training)

- All church staff, clergy, and lay wardens
- Vestry members
- Anyone who has keys to the building
- Treasurer
- Anyone in a supervisory role (volunteer or paid)

Who is required to take Safeguarding God's Children Training?

- All church staff clergy and lay wardens
- Anyone working with children and youth
- Anyone who has keys to the building.
- Vestry strongly encouraged

Click to [here](#) to view past trainings.