

Upper New York Annual Conference SAFE SANCTUARIES COMPLIANCE REPORT

Due two weeks prior to Charge/Church Conference. Will be reviewed by the DS and Safe Sanctuaries Team.

Congregation _____ District _____

Appointed Pastor or Pastoral Leader _____

Check those groups with whom your congregations has ministries.

____ Children ____ Youth ____ Elderly/Shut-ins ____ Special Needs Adults ____ Other vulnerable populations

The Minimum Standards have been revised and can be found at

http://www.unyumc.org/images/uploads/SS_Minimum_Standards_03242016.pdf

Directions: Check either YES or NO. If NO, please explain and include your plan to address this.

1. Have you and the church’s Safe Sanctuaries team reviewed the revised Minimum Standards? Yes ____ No ____

2. Has the church’s Safe Sanctuaries policy and procedures been revised to reflect the revised Minimum Standards?
Yes ____ No ____

3. The frequency of background checks is a significant change – from 7 years to 2 years.
Do you have a plan for meeting this standard for clergy and paid workers? Yes ____ No ____

Do you have a plan for meeting this standard for volunteers who have regular and direct contact with children, youth, and vulnerable adults? Yes ____ No ____

4. Is a current Safe Sanctuaries policy on file in the District office? Yes ____ No ____

5. Do workers (paid and volunteer) have knowledge of and access to your policy? Yes ____ No ____

6. Is the congregation following the two-adult rule or using a floater to oversee classes or events?
Yes ____ No ____

7. Do adult volunteers have an active relationship with the church/charge for at least 6 months before having a supervisory role with children, youth or vulnerable adults? Yes ____ No ____

8. Are youth under age 18 used as assistants, not as an adult for the “two-adult rule?” Yes ____ No ____

9. Are there known sex offenders in your congregation? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, is there a covenant for constant shepherding in place? Yes ____ No ____

Signatures Pastor or pastoral leader _____ Date _____

Lay Leader _____ Date _____