

## Important Update about Presbytery Training

The PCUSA is committed to keeping all children and church members safe from harassment and abuse. Taking steps to improve that safety, new language in the Book of Order specifies that the following individuals must receive **boundary training which includes the topic of sexual misconduct, and child sexual abuse prevention training for its members at least every thirty-six months.**

**Members of Presbytery required to take Boundary Training:** (From the Book of Order, G-3.0106, Administration of Mission): Inquirers to ordained ministry, Certified Christian Educators and Certified Associate Christian Educators, Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Commissioner Lay Pastors (Commissioned Ruling Elders/Commissioned Pastors), and elders on the Presbytery leadership team must take boundary training.

**To help you meet this appropriate PC(USA) requirement, we are hosting in-person training on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>, from 1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in conjunction with our Winter Presbytery meeting.** It is useful to have more leaders trained to recognize and prevent sexual abuse and harassment. To that end, all church leaders are also welcome to attend this training! Please pass this information on to your session members so that they have this opportunity to take this training.

The February 10 training is conducted by STAR (Standing Together Against Rape), a statewide nonprofit. <https://www.staralaska.com/prevention-education>

S.T.A.R. will conduct two consecutive trainings on February 10\*:

- 1) One hour training on Preventing Sexual Harassment/Sexual Misconduct.
- 2) One hour on Preventing Child Sexual Abuse

\*Please note that this is a change to the topic listed in the docket for this training time. We will be hosting this boundary training in place of “What is unique about Presbyterians?”

The Presbytery is also taking steps to offer online training through Presidium Academy. If you cannot take the in-person training on February 10, this is a useful option. We will have sign-in information available at the Presbytery meeting. More information about this training option is available at <https://www.insuranceboard.org/safety-central/safeconduct-abuse-prevention/>

If you have already taken boundary training, please notify Stated Clerk, Doreen McNeill at [statedclerk@yukonpres.org](mailto:statedclerk@yukonpres.org). She must record with PC(USA) the date that you took the training.