

Sexual Ethics Workshops for 2020

Saturday May 2, 2020: Advanced Sexual Ethics

9:30 AM - 3 PM

Cost: \$35

Elam UMC, 1073 Smithbridge Rd, Glen Mills, PA 19342



Presenter - Attorney Joy Melton

Topic: Legal Ramifications of Safe Sanctuary and the Reentrance for Offenders.

Attorney Joy Melton is the author of *Safe Sanctuaries* curriculum resources used widely among churches.

CEU's are available. Light refreshments and lunch are provided.

Register at <https://na.eventscloud.com/499778>

For more information contact Rev. Jacqueline Hines at pastorjacquelineumc@gmail.com or 410-963-1721.

Saturday May 16, 2020 Basic Sexual Ethics

9:30 AM - 3 PM

Cost: \$35

Faith UMC, 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz, PA 17543

Presenter - Linda Crockett – Director of Safe Communities

CEU's are available. Light refreshments and lunch are provided.

Register at <https://na.eventscloud.com/499782>

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Reducing the Risk of Sexual Misconduct and Abuse: Boundary training for Religious Leaders in Today's World

In today's rapidly changing cultural environment, and in the wake of the #Metoo and #Churchtoo movements, the boundaries you thought were appropriate a few years ago may not, in fact, be acceptable today.

In this workshop for today's leaders, we'll cover two main areas that require particular scrutiny: reducing the risk of sexual misconduct with adults, and sexual abuse of children. Case studies and time for discussion will be incorporated into each area.

Sexual Misconduct with Adults: We'll focus on boundaries clergy and other leaders need to hold in interactions with staff, volunteers, and congregants – at church, and in social situations. We'll explore how any interaction involving touch can be experienced quite differently by either party, or by those who witness it. Counseling, mentoring and other activities will be viewed not only through an interpersonal lens, but also how boundaries can be built into policy, practice and environments to reduce risk of misconduct and support healthy and healing interactions.

Sexual Abuse of Children: From the PA grand jury report documenting more than 300 priests and other leaders violating more than 1,000 children to the seemingly endless revelations about churches of all denominations failing to protect children, today's religious leaders must be savvy and smart when it comes to reducing risk in your congregation. We'll look at boundaries all leaders should adhere to involving children and youth, and at the common but contentious issues that arise when a known child sexual offender is included in your congregation without appropriate boundaries.



Linda Crockett, Director of Safe Communities/Safe Church

Linda was the visionary behind the development and design of Safe Communities (formerly Samaritan Safe Church/Safe Places) in 2011. This program grew out of her work as a consultant to congregations experiencing the often contentious dynamics that occur when a child is molested by a lay or ordained leader. Prior to starting Safe Church, she head up the Clergy and Congregational Care Program at Samaritan Counseling Center in Lancaster, PA. Under her leadership, Safe Church expanded to a national training platform. In 2016, she began work with the newly formed cohort of grantees and fellows of the Just Beginnings Collaborative on social movement building to end child sexual abuse. Her work focuses on shifting culture in congregational and other key settings so that adults are proactive about protecting children

from sexual abuse throughout the community, creating a web of Safe Places with trusted adults.

Linda's first book "The Deepest Wound: How a Journey to El Salvador Led to Healing from Mother-Daughter Incest" (Writer's Showcase) was published in 2001. As a church volunteer and activist, she accompanied refugees and survivors of torture during the civil war in El Salvador in the 1980s, working with church and human rights organizations. The book includes her personal narrative of childhood sexual abuse, intertwined with the violence experienced by the Salvadoran people. The Deepest Wound was awarded first place in the "Life Stories" category by Writer's Digest in March 2003. The Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling recommends its use in

seminary and graduate school classrooms, and by therapists and pastoral care providers. She also contributed to *Render Unto God: Economic Vulnerability, Family Violence and Pastoral Theology* (Chalice Press, 2002; Poling, James; Ruiz, Brenda; Crockett, Linda), a cross cultural economic analysis of sexual abuse and domestic violence.

Thursday August 20, 2020 Advanced Sexual Ethics

9:30 AM - 3 PM

Cost: \$35

St. Matthews's UMC 600 Walker Rd, Wayne, PA 19087

Presenter – Rev. Dr. Charles Muorah - Council on Relationships

CEU's are available. Light refreshments and lunch are provided.

Register at <https://na.eventscloud.com/499786>

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Celibacy, Sexual Ethics and Boundaries

Celibacy is one mode of living out one's sexual nature. It cannot be separated from sexuality and sexuality cannot be separated from celibacy insofar as a sexually responsible person must abstain from sexual activity at least with certain persons and under certain situations. It is therefore pertinent to talk about sexual ethics and boundaries among clergy and Church ministers. - As broken vessels a church minister leaves trails of destructions and pastoral damages behind. Brokenness refers to the many fragmentations (physical, emotional, cognitive and spiritual) one can suffer in life. These fragmentations undermine ethical, sexual and spiritual wellness, pastoral care, and maintaining healthy relationship boundaries. Relationship problems begets sexual problems and *vice versa*. Mending brokenness, restoring love, wellness and wholeness; and rebuilding/establishing trust on personal level and in the community of faith requires working with the clergy, the faith community and professional experts. Blending clinical tools with spiritual resources gives a unique vigor to the recovery, healing and wellness process.

Objectives:

At the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the impact of brokenness on the personal, family, interpersonal and faith community/pastoral levels
2. List some of the challenges of living a "celibate life", maintaining healthy sexual ethics and boundaries, and having a balanced spirituality
3. Apply some strategies to create and maintain healthy sexual boundaries and a safe pastoral environment, and
4. Have better appreciation of their celibacy, sexuality, spirituality and pastoral ministry.



Rev. Dr. Muorah

Rev. Dr. Muorah is a licensed marriage and family therapist with specialized training in sex therapy and anger management. He is a board approved Clinical Supervisor. Rev. Dr. Muorah provides individual, couple, relationship and family therapy, helping clients to recreate their narratives and find new meaning and purpose in life. He uses joining, solution and emotion-focused interventions, empowering language and cognitive/behavioral, and systemic interventions to bring about desirable changes. Rev. Dr. Muorah has helped blended families alleviate divergence in an effort to become a strong and cohesive family unit. His life across continents helps him address cultural and diversity issues. He has unique strength helping people resolve shame-based trauma and sexual trauma. Rev. Dr. Muorah is also a Christian and pre-marriage counselor; a clergy helping people to heal and live the best quality of their lives. He received his postgraduate training at Council for Relationships and at the completion of his training in 2006 he was retained as a Staff. He holds the following degrees: Bachelor in Philosophy, Masters in Theology, Licentiate in Sacred Theology specializing in Scripture, and Doctor of Philosophy. He is an author and presenter on a variety of topics including training on Celibacy and Sexuality using Spiritual and Therapeutic Approach for Catholic Clergy. His colleagues, supervisees and clients have consistently identified his calmness, peacefulness and compassion as a great strength helping people to heal and live the best of their lives. He has served as a Catholic priest for 29 years.

Saturday September 26, 2020 Basic Sexual Ethics

9:30 AM - 3 PM

Cost: \$35

Conshohocken UMC - 20 W 6th Ave, Conshohocken, PA 19428

Presenter – Rev. Wanda Sevey, Council on Relationships

CEU's are available. Light refreshments and lunch are provided.

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Basic Sexual Ethics

As ministers we interact with people with many vulnerabilities both in our congregations and our communities. This workshop will provide training regarding how to manage situations in which sexual ethics become an issue in ministry. Participants are invited to bring specific situations and cases from their ministry settings for exploration and discussion. CEU's are available. Light refreshments and lunch are provided.



Presenter – Rev. Wanda Sevey, MDiv, LMFT

Ms. Sevey's emphasis is on helping her clients care for themselves and build relationships in which they can flourish. She is skilled at helping individuals, couples and families with communication and relationship skill building; LGBT issues; reducing and coping with stress; sex issues for couples and individuals; recovery from affairs; and anxiety and depression. Ms. Sevey is trained in Emotionally Focused Therapy, Relationship Enhancement Therapy and has led anger management and sexuality/intimacy groups. She is an ordained minister in the progressive United Church of Christ and is interested in helping clients of all (or no) religious and faith backgrounds explore the connections between their own spirituality, religion, sexuality and relationships.