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For the attention of all Clergy, Parish/Pastoral District Secretaries, and Diocesan Councillors

REVISED TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR THE CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENTS COURSE IN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese has decided to revise the training requirement for those required to undertake the "Child Safe Environment Course – reporting child abuse and neglect in SA".

The course is in addition to its current Safe Ministry program, as part of the Diocese's continuing efforts to provide training for those who hold ministry positions in The Murray.

The Child Safe Environment Course is mandatory for all clergy, all key leaders in the Diocese and anyone who has contact with children and vulnerable people. This includes Ministry Leaders of Sunday Schools, Youth Groups, Pastoral Carers and visitors and those involved in a crèche, childcare or a playgroup.

Given the number of people that potentially would need to do the course, it has been decided to exempt volunteers from Op-Shops. It will however be mandatory for paid Op-shop managers or at least one key person involved in operating each Op-shop in the Diocese to undertake the course.

This course was one of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into child abuse and has been delivered elsewhere, including the Diocese of Adelaide.

If you have already done this course through the Diocese of Adelaide or anywhere elsewhere associated with your employment or through a volunteer organisation, you will need to provide evidence to the Diocesan Trainer, Linda Vinall. This can be done by sending a copy of your certificate to the Diocesan Registry Clerk, Jasmine Irvine, PO Box 394, Murray Bridge SA 5253 or by email jasamine@murray.anglican.org

There are still three opportunities to undertake the Child Safe Environments course in the Diocese this year, as well as one opportunity for participation in the Full Day Safe Ministry Training course:
Safe Ministry Training

St Margaret's Church Hall, 99 Main Road, McLaren Vale, Saturday 2nd September

Child Safe Environments

Diocesan Offices, 5/19 Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge, Friday 8th September

Christ the King Church Hall, 40 Hutchinson Street, Mount Barker, Saturday 28th October

Christ Church (Ashworth) Hall, 26 Bay Road, Mount Gambier, Friday 17th November

Registration Details:

SMT: McLaren Vale: Dr Ted Sandercock sanderwt@bigpond.com or 8556 4535
CSE: Murray Bridge: Jasmine Irvine jasamine@murray.anglican.org or 8532 2270
CSE: Mount Barker: Dr Ted Sandercock sanderwt@bigpond.com or 8556 4535
CSE: Mount Gambier: Lynn Fisher churchan@bigpond.net.au or 0407 186 174

These are full day courses starting at 9.30am and will conclude at approximately 4:30pm. Please arrive by 9:15am for registration. Participants are expected to attend the whole day. There are scheduled breaks for lunch (BYO), morning and afternoon tea (provided).

The Diocese is taking the State Government legislation and the initial recommendations of the Royal Commission into child abuse seriously with efforts to comply through its Safe Ministry Training requirements. It is currently willing to exempt volunteers of Op-shops, as long as a paid Op-shop manager or a key person at each Op-shop has done the Child Safe Environments course.

If you have any questions please email Fr Paul Devenport at pdevenport@vtown.com.au or telephone 8586 3288.

Please make this information widely known.

Yours sincerely



Donna M Jones
Registrar