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

SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING IN THE DIOCESE OF THE MURRAY IN 2017

The Diocese is expanding its safe ministry training program this year with a course titled “Child Safe Environments – reporting child abuse & neglect in SA”. This new course is being introduced, as part of the Diocese’s continuing efforts to provide training for those who hold ministry positions in The Murray.

For many it will supplement the current full safe ministry training course for new participants along with a refresher course for those who undertook the safe ministry course three years ago.

The extra course will be 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.

The course will be delivered at three locations in the Diocese, at Naracoorte, McLaren Vale and Murray Bridge, in addition to the safe ministry training session at McLaren Vale and two refreshers at McLaren Vale and Naracoorte.

The new Child Safe Environments Course was one of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into child abuse and has been delivered elsewhere.

If you have already done this course within the last three to four years, in the Diocese of Adelaide or anywhere else associated with your employment or through a volunteer organisation, you will need to provide evidence to the Diocesan Trainer, Linda Vinall. She will assess the training completed before you are exempt from the course. 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

Of course, the requirements for existing safe ministry training program now into its fifth year will be required for anyone who holds a license as a Bishop, Priest or Deacon, or is a lay minister holding the Bishop’s License to Preach, ministering communion while robed, involved in leadership of worship, involved in children’s and youth ministry, ministering to the elderly and vulnerable, an official hospital or home visitor, all choir directors, a churchwarden or a paid op shop manager.

The full day training is available to those who hold the above positions and who have not as yet completed a safe ministry training session offered by the Diocese via the National Council of Churches Australia.

Full Day Seminar for NEW Participants

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

Registration will be from 9:15 am with the training session commencing at 9.30 am. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. The session will conclude at approximately 4.00 pm.

Registration Details: Dr Ted Sandercock sanderwt@bigpond.com or 8556 4535

Three Hour Refresher Courses

Refresher courses are available for those who attended the safe ministry seminars three years ago, as part of the roll out of the safe ministry training in the Diocese at that time. For those who have done the safe ministry program over the past two years, there will be an opportunity to undertake the refresher course in subsequent years. A full round of refreshers will be offered next year, for those who undertook the full day training course six years ago and a refresher three years ago.

St Paul's Church Hall, Laurie Crescent, Naracoorte Sunday 2nd July at 1:00 pm
Margaret's Church Hall, 99 Main Road, McLaren Vale Sunday 30th July at 2:00 pm

Registration Details:

Naracoorte Fr Wayne Corker frwaynecorker@gmail.com or 0459 722 724
McLaren Vale Dr Ted Sandercock sanderwt@bigpond.com or 8556 4535

Child Safe Environments – reporting child abuse & neglect in SA

This is a full day course starts at 9.30 am. Participants are expected to attend the whole day. There are scheduled breaks for lunch (BYO), morning and afternoon tea. Those who are required to attend is outlined in the body of this circular.

St Paul's Church Hall, Laurie Crescent, Naracoorte Saturday 1st July
St Margaret's Church Hall, 99 Main Rd, McLaren Vale, Saturday 29th July
Diocesan Offices, 5/19 Adelaide Road, Murray Bridge, Friday 8th September

Registration Details:

Naracoorte: Fr Wayne Corker frwaynecorker@gmail.com or 0459 722 724
McLaren Vale: Dr Ted Sandercock sanderwt@bigpond.com or 8556 4535
Murray Bridge: Jasmine Irvine jasamine@murray.anglican.org or 8532 2270

For all courses, be at the venue in good time before the session starts (registration will commence 15 minutes beforehand) for registration purposes. Only those who complete this training will be able to continue to hold their position in a Parish or Pastoral District.

Finally, a reminder for everyone new to a ministry position that the completion of the diocesan safe ministry screening questionnaire and a new national police clearance is required. Forms are available on the diocesan website or from the Registry Office.

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.