



2018 Do No Harm: Prevention of and Response to Sexual Misconduct A United Methodist Sexual Ethics Training

9:00am Thursday, October 11 – 12:00pm Saturday, October 13, 2018
Holiday Inn/San Antonio International Airport, 77 NE Loop 410, San Antonio, TX

The United Methodist Church acknowledges in ¶161 of our Social Principles that we understand **sexual misconduct as an abuse and/or misuse of a power relationship**. It is imperative that we, as a denomination, commit to make training resources, designed to **prevent and respond to this behavior**, available to our local ministries!

Do No Harm will offer four intensive training tracks:

- **Response Team** for healing with local Church congregations/ministry setting and staff following an incident of sexual misconduct in the Church/ministry setting. This training will include recruitment, invitation, training of members, how to use a Team, and maintenance of the Team.
- **Advocacy** for parties named in a formal complaint (victim and accused), including family members.
- **Administrative/Judiciary Response** to formal complaints and concerns brought forward.
- **Integrity and Healthy Boundaries** in ministry settings among leadership and laity. Understanding the boundary challenges in the day to day work and relationships within the Church.

Upon the recommendation of the bishop, persons identified as key leaders in future annual conference trainings will be invited to attend Do No Harm. It is recommended **at least 4 participants from each annual conference** attend the meeting, one for each track. Training materials will be given to each participant in each track.

With this train-the-trainer event, annual conferences will be better equipped to develop a **comprehensive plan** for ongoing trainings designed to strengthen the Church's commitment to both the **prevention** of sexual misconduct and the **response** to sexual misconduct, *always* offering healing for all parties and holding persons accountable for violations.

The registration link can be found [here](#) or at www.gcsrw.org. Starting registration rate is \$400. Hotel Rooms are \$105 plus tax.

Inter-Agency Sexual Ethics Task Force is convened by the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women to promote and coordinate ministries in sexual ethics across the UMC. The Task Force is mandated "to address the areas of prevention, education, intervention, and healing" regarding sexual misconduct within ministerial relationships and "to ensure that resources for laity and clergy in ministerial roles and identified and promoted for use in conferences, districts or cluster, and local congregations" (*The Book of Resolutions 2016, page 780*). Members include representatives from annual conferences, Council of Bishops, Discipleship Ministries, General Board of Church and Society, General Board of Higher Education, General Council on Finance and Administration, Global Ministries, United Methodist Women, and WesPath (2016 Book of Discipline, ¶2103.11).