

# FAITHFUL RESPONSES TO CHILD MALTREATMENT

## Lutheran Safe Church Workshop Options

Unnamed No More, A Lutheran Safe Church Ministry  
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### A. Clergy and Staff Workshop (2.5 Hours)

Equip your leadership staff to recognize child maltreatment, respond with confidence, and create safer sanctuaries for children. Zoom capabilities are possible for churches outside of Ohio.

- 10 Things to Know about Child Abuse
- 10 Things Faith Communities can do about Child Abuse
- Child Abuse Scenarios

### B. Lay Leader and Volunteer Workshop (1.5 Hours)

Tailored for ministry leaders, teachers, and volunteers who work closely with children and youth, this workshop focuses on everyday prevention and awareness reinforcing our shared responsibility to protect children.

- Understanding boundaries and appropriate interactions
- Recognizing signs of possible abuse or exploitation, and responding with care and confidence
- Best practices for creating safe, accountable ministry environments

### C. Congregation Workshop (1 Hour)

An open, honest discussion about the realities of exploitation and abuse in today's world, with the goal of better protecting our children and grandchildren.

- Explores modern risks and tactics used to exploit young people
- Practical guidance and tools to help families recognize warning signs
- Fosters scripture-centered conversations about our Christian calling to protect and nurture children

## Resources

- ELCA social message on Child Protection [ELCA Social Message on Child Protection](#)
- Zero Abuse Project [Center for Faith & Child Protection](#)
- Unnamed No More, A Lutheran Safe Church Initiative [Home | Unnamed No More](#)



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Fees are on a sliding scale. In thanks to a grant from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (WELCA-Katie's Grant), **no church will be turned away due to inability to pay.** Cost: Clergy workshop is \$250, Lay Leader workshop is \$150, Congregational workshop is \$100.