Boundaries Training Policies

Title: Boundaries Training Policy

Purpose: To detail the boundaries training and possible alternative subsequent boundaries training.

Definitions: Boundaries Training--The region-conducted sexual, financial, and personal boundaries training required of clergy to maintain standing

Details:
1. The Regional Committee on Ministry (RCOM), in consultation with the Regional Executive and Regional Minister, shall select appropriate curriculum for the foundational boundaries training. Currently “Healthy Boundaries” 101 or 201 developed by Faith Trust Institute.
2. RCOM, in consultation with the Regional Executive and Regional Minister, shall develop the required frequency of boundary training. Currently, ministers with standing in the CCSW must complete boundaries training every five years.
3. Two alternative boundary trainings have been commissioned to begin in 2020.
   a. Boundary Training for Retired Ministers—a four-hour training to review the traditional material presented in “Healthy Boundaries” and a particular focus on boundaries during retirement.
   b. Boundary Training for Ministry with Children and Youth—a not less than six-hour training for those called to serve children and youth to review the traditional material in “Healthy Boundaries” and additional content to focus on boundaries with children and youth including boundaries needed during extended pastoral care relationships.

Applicability: This policy applies to all clergy with standing in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest

Authority: Boundaries Training and frequency is required by the Regional Committee on Ministry.

Implementation: January 1, 2019

Relevant Policies or Documents

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