



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF NH

Job Description – Safe Church Trainer

The main role of a safe church trainer is to facilitate deep thinking and sharing about issues that can impact the safety and well-being of church communities and members. Safe Church trainers are volunteer facilitators who help participants express their collective wisdom about how to respond to situations that require action on behalf of vulnerable people. Topics covered in three hour safe church in-person training sessions include appropriate boundaries between adults and children, clergy and members, state reporting laws, power dynamics, self-care, and bystander training.

Two Safe Church Trainers are required for each in-person training. Safe Church trainers are asked to facilitate up to two trainings per year, within their convocation. Safe Church trainers are encouraged to train outside their home church community, or, if they train in their home church, to train with another trainer who is not from the same church community. Safe Church Trainers are provided with an agenda for training, case studies, recommended activities, video, and background information. Safe Church Trainers and all Safe Church participants are required to watch five “Safeguarding Our Children” online modules and review the Safe Church Policies of the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire before attending in-person training.

I urge you to enter into these sessions with a contemplative attitude of openness by which we learn again how to be holy in our interactions with each other and with those, both young and old, who come seeking and expecting holiness in our congregations.

The Rt. Rev. Rob Hirschfeld

To inquire about the ministry of being a Safe Church Trainer, please contact Tina Pickering, Executive Assistant to the Bishop, at tpickering@nepiscopal.org