



Keeping Faith

Empowering faith communities to recognize and respond to child abuse & neglect

"Keeping Faith" prepares faith leaders to recognize and respond to cases of **child sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, and neglect**. Topics include:

- The spiritual impact of child abuse
- Coordinating spiritual care with medical and mental health care
- Best practices in child abuse policies
- Responding to an allegation of child abuse within a congregation
- Managing a sex offender within the congregation
- Implementing personal safety training for children
- Online safety for communities of faith
- Understanding child sexual behaviors

Endorsements:

"Keeping Faith is a cutting edge course which has empowered faith leaders throughout the country to implement child protection policies, to work collaboratively with medical and mental health professionals, and to address the spiritual needs of children and families impacted by abuse. I strongly encourage faith leaders to take this training."

—**Boz Tchividjian**
Executive Director, GRACE

"Too often in faith communities, well-intentioned leaders make an already tragic situation far worse, leading to division and a sense of betrayal within the community; it doesn't need to be this way. The Keeping Faith training provides faith leaders with critical information they need to prevent opportunities for abuse, and respond compassionately and responsibly when abuse occurs. The course helps participants understand that the best way to protect a faith-based institution, is to prioritize the needs of victims - a tenet central to all religions. This training has been invaluable to leaders in the Jewish community, and should be mandatory for clergy and spiritual advisors of all faiths."

—**Shira Berkovits**
President & CEO, Sacred Spaces

"In the course of my time facilitating the Keeping Faith training in our community, we've seen the numbers of attendees and the amount of interest only grow. What began as a training of 11 people in the first year has grown to nearly a hundred participants and dozens of local church trainings throughout the year. I've heard participants affirm the difficult nature of the content while insisting more people in the church need to know these things. I couldn't agree more. This training is crucial to the best stewardship of the child a community of faith can offer."

—**Rev Carrie Walker Nettles, MDiv, VSP**
Victim Service Specialist, Julie Valentine Center

"Keeping Faith has had a dramatic effect on my life and ministry. Now is the time for Christians, especially leaders, to do everything in their power to protect children, stop perpetrators, and encourage survivors. The first step is attending this training."

—**Rev. Ben Sadler**
Victory of the Lamb Church, Franklin, WI

To attend or sponsor this training in your area, visit
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