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Legal Compliance

Insurance Board

Copyright Stories that Could Affect Your Church.

Practical Resources for Churches

The Copyright Section of the prcli.org website provides a wealth of information including: recorded webinars, information of copyright free music and videos, copyright included music options, licensing, and linking and copyright considerations.

United Church of Christ

Visit the national United Church of Christ website for Frequently Asked Questions about Copyright and the Church.

Watch a presentation from Heather Kimmel, General Counsel, United Church of Christ: Copyright: Protection, Compliance, and Best Practices for Local Churches

Planning

Building Faith

Planning for the 2021-2022 Program Year, posted in April 2021, it is worth reading just as reminder that current times call for an adaptive planning process.

Watch the webinar, Faithful Planning, where Ronald Culmer and Christine Hides acknowledge we cannot fully know what our ministries will look like, so they share tips for short and long-term planning in ministry, even when it's difficult to plan or plans change.

Safe Conduct

Insurance Board

The Insurance Board is a nonprofit corporation established by the participating Conferences of the United Church of Christ. They administer a property and liability insurance program serving churches and related entities within four denominations: United Church of Christ, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Presbyterian Church (USA) and Alliance of Baptists.

Learn More: http://insuranceboard.org/

As a church leader you have a duty to provide a safe place for worship and ministry. The Insurance Board provides you a variety of resources to help you fulfill your
covenant. Refer to the Safety Central section on their website for laws, resources and trending topics.

For Abuse Prevention Programs and resources refer to the SafeConduct section of the website which includes: assessment tools, sample policies, background check/screening tools, and many online training options. These tools and programs have been developed with their partner Praesidium, the Nation’s leading provider for abuse prevention.

Church Law & Tax

Church Law & Tax provides several articles on how to help keep kids safe, the right way to respond to allegations of abuse, and legal requirements related to reporting and screening.

They also offer a series of toolkits and actionable recommendations for safeguarding your ministry to children and youth:

- 2021 Youth Safety Bundle
- Reducing the Risk: A Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Program

Stop it Now!

Stop It Now! was founded by Fran Henry, a survivor of childhood sexual abuse who learned first hand that standard approaches to keeping children safe from child sexual abuse at that time did not respond to the complex relationships surrounding most abuse.

In 2015, Stop It Now! became an affiliate of Klingberg Family Centers, a private, nonprofit multi-service agency based in New Britain, CT. Founded in 1903, Klingberg's mission is building healing relationships that empower children and families to reach their full potential.

Visit their website: https://www.stopitnow.org/ to learn more about their Circles of Safety Training for Youth-serving organizations.

United Church of Christ Office of the General Counsel

Learn more about Abuse Prevention Resources in a letter to local churches written by Heather Kimmel, UCC General Counsel at: https://www.ucc.org/who-we-are/team/leadership/abuse_prevention_resources/. (scroll to the bottom of the page to see links to additional resources.)
Volunteers: Recruiting and Training

Building Faith

Read the article: 5 Steps to Calling Volunteers

Practical Resources for Churches

Sign up for the Practical Resources for Churches webinar, Getting and Keeping Talented and Engaged Volunteers, to be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2021 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm.