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To: Moravian Pastors and Trustee Chairs

From: Gary Stilley

Reference: Synod Resolution #8 – Safe Sanctuary Policy

The 2014 Synod passed a resolution mandating that each congregation of the Southern Province and each board or agency of the Province shall develop, adopt, and implement a “Safe Sanctuary” policy and procedures related to safety issues for the protection of children, youth and vulnerable adults. The Safe Sanctuary policy should be completed and implemented by December 31, 2016.

If your congregation has developed a policy and implemented the policy, please send a copy of the policy to the Human Resource department at the Provincial office. Also send records of background checks and drug screens.

If you have not completed a Safe Sanctuary policy, a template outlining the basic items to be covered in the policy is attached. This template is a guide and will need to be edited based your congregation’s needs and policy decisions. The services of the Provincial Human Resources department are available to assist you. I am available to come on-site at your congregation to complete the background checks and drug screens.

Please let me know how I can help.

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