

Christian Reformed Church

Safe Church Ministry

We are here to support you!

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Safe Church Ministry equips congregations in: abuse awareness, prevention, and response

We help build communities where:

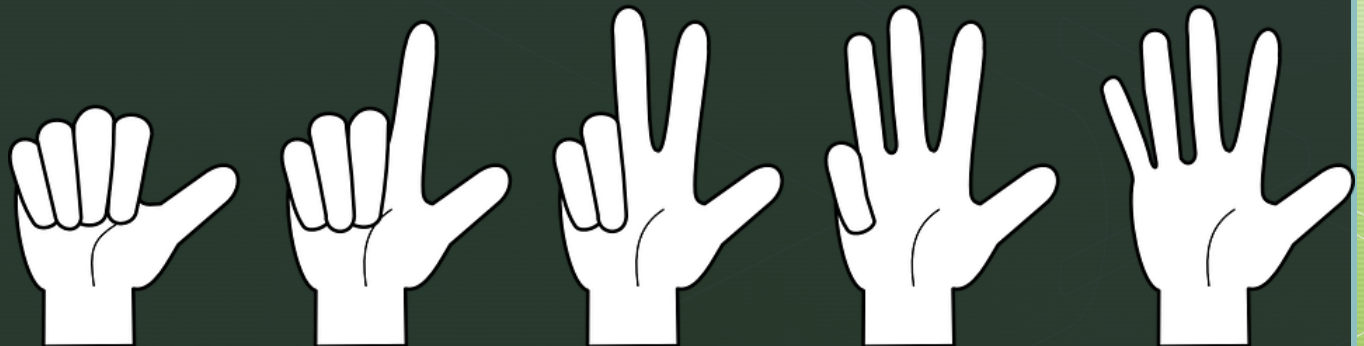
- the value of *each person is honored*
- where people are free to worship and grow *free from abuse*
- and where abuse has occurred, the response is *compassion and justice* that foster healing.



Our **5** Goals for Every Church

- 1. Every church has a written [safe church/abuse prevention policy](#) in place.
- 2. Every church is using a curriculum in church school and youth programs that teaches respect and promotes healthy relationships. ([Circle of Grace](#))
- 3. Every church has protocols in place for responding to misconduct by a church leader, which are carefully followed.
- 4. Issues of abuse can be freely discussed.
- 5. Leadership at all levels is committed to the importance of safe church ministry.

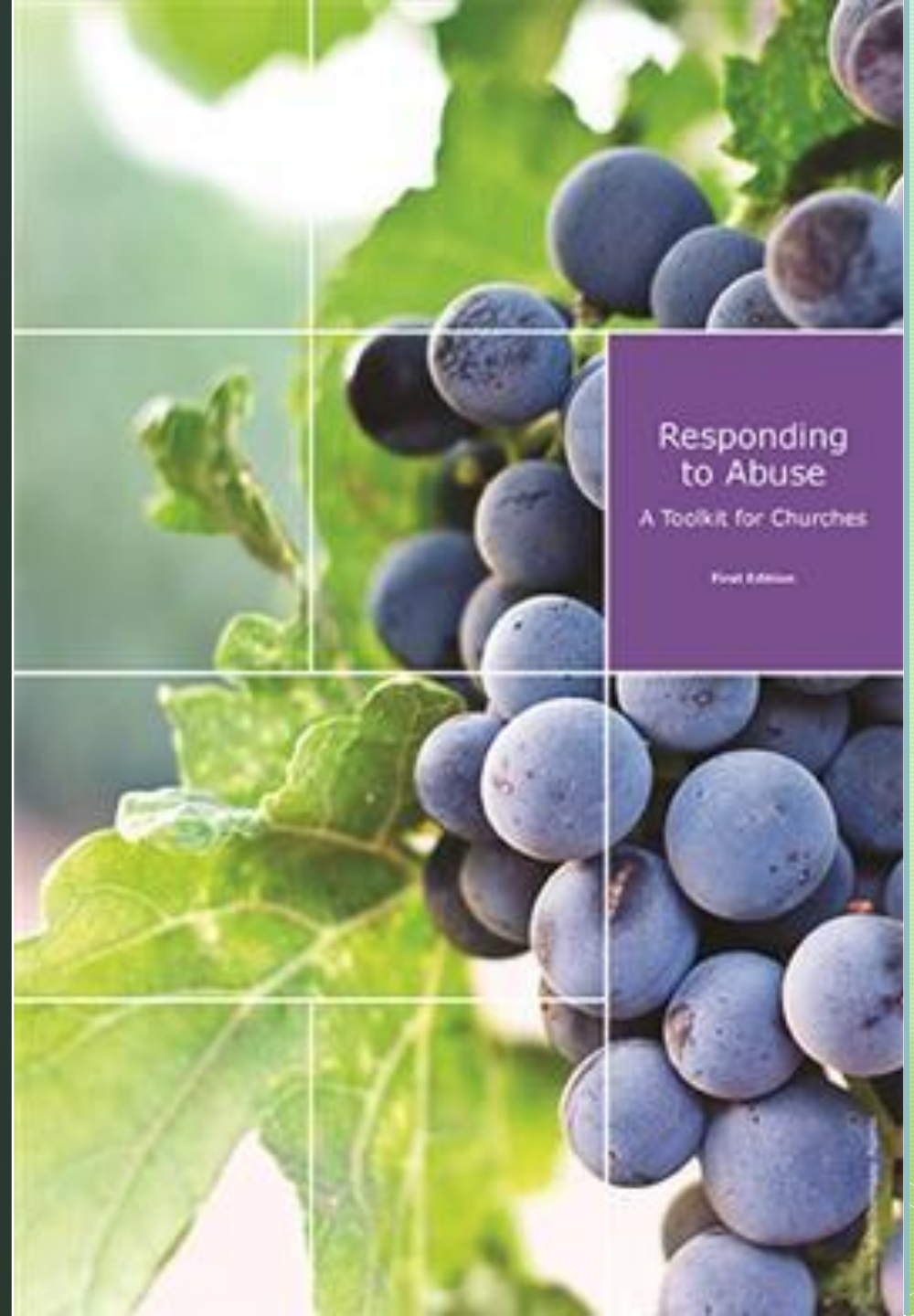
On the Network:
[Safe Church Guiding Goals](#)



Expectations of office bearers

On the Network:

[Responding to Abuse: A Toolkit for Churches](#)



Yearbook Survey 2019

Church & Classis	Policy	Training	Prevention	Response	Team
Classis Hamilton					
Immanuel CRC	1	1	0	1	1
New Hope CRC	1	0	1	0	1
Hagersville Community CRC	1	1	0	1	1
Hope CRC	1	1	0	0	1
Mount Hope Community CRC	1	1	0	1	1
Immanuel CRC	1	0	0	1	1
First Hamilton CRC	1	0	0	0	1
Maranatha CRC of York	1	0	0	0	1
Ebenezer CRC	1	0	0	1	1
Bethel CRC	1	1	0	1	1
Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Flamborough	1	0	0	1	1
Ancaster CRC	1	1	0	1	1
New Street CRC Burlington	1	1	1	1	1
Meadowlands Fellowship Christian Reformed Church	1	0	1	0	1
Faith Church	1	0	0	0	1
Calvin CRC	1	0	0	0	0



New denominational initiatives: Synod 2019

On the Network: [The Abuse of Power Adoptions from Synod 2019 for Classes to Consider](#)

On the website: <https://www.crcna.org/news-and-views/responding-abuse-power>

Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference

March 7, 2020 - Waterloo, Ontario



Becca
Sawyer



Leslie
Smith



Yvonne
Lammers



Bonnie
Nicholas



Carol
Penner



John
VanPelt

with a special presentation from WAYVE - a group of youth from across Kitchener-Waterloo who develop and deliver presentations about current issues faced by young people.



[For more info: Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference in Waterloo, Ontario](#)



Circle of Grace

On the Network: [Circle of Grace Program](#)