

BEYOND THE POLICY: Empowering the Faith Community to Recognize & Respond to Child Abuse & Sexual Assault

Week 1. Introductions,
Policies & Best Practices

Week 2. A Wolf in Sheep's
Clothing: Understanding the
Predator

Week 3. Guest Presenter:
Rev. Carrie Nettles, MDiv,
VSP, Chaplain &
Specialized Victim
Advocate for the Julie
Valentine Center: Sexual
Assault & Child Recovery

Week 4. The Role of the
Faith Community:
Prevention & Healing

Overview

The Church is the perfect environment for an abuser to show up in sheep's clothing. The primary goal of this course is to help pastors and congregations be aware and prepared for situations regarding abuse. In addition, this course will look at best practices for prevention & responding to disclosures of abuse. By the end, I hope to inspire faith leaders to see their significant role in protecting and caring for "the least of these"

Topics

Sex Offenders in our Congregations
Responding to Disclosures
Victims/Survivors in our Congregation
Understanding the Sex Offender
Setting Boundaries

Course Dates & Times

Thursdays @ 11 Eastern/12 Central
February 9-March 2

Register: www.nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation

Extra Resources

On This Rock
by Victor I. Vieth

Predators
by Anna C. Salter

The Child in the Bible
by Marcia J. Bunge

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