

MinistrySafe, the official abuse prevention system for all churches in Central Texas Conference is very important to all of us. This newsletter will provide you with helpful information for your use.

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MinistrySafe and our Connectional System

One of the unique aspects of The United Methodist Church instilled by its founder, John Wesley, inspired by the Biblical concept of the Body of Christ, is that we are a connectional system. In addition to sharing common theology, we also share tangible resources, pastoral leadership, episcopal oversight, and more. An example of our connectional system happens around July 1st when some of our churches will welcome a new pastor and pastoral family.

Can a clergy person or their spouse be transferred from one MinistrySafe dashboard to a new one?

Yes, MinistrySafe will be receiving a list of new pastoral appointments from the Districts and transferring the data from one church to another.* When this change occurs, the clergy person (and spouse, if applicable) will no longer appear in the old dashboard. This transfer is a streamlined attempt to serve our connectional system rather than having dozens of churches contact MinistrySafe. There is no need for SSAs to take any action unless you experience a problem.

*NOTE: Not all clergy are listed as “users” in the MinistrySafe system. The CTC MinistrySafe Oversight Committee strongly encourages all clergy complete the

MinistrySafe compliance process like church members, church staff, etc. as a part of building a strong safety system.

Can a church member be transferred from one MinistrySafe dashboard to a new one?

Yes, during the year, if you are receiving new members as a transfer from another United Methodist congregation, you can also transfer their MinistrySafe profile to your dashboard. The “sending” church who approves the transfer of church membership will need to contact MinistrySafe and ask that the “user” be transferred to a new congregation. Again, the user will no longer appear on the old dashboard. All renewal dates will remain the same and should be followed by the receiving church.

In our connectional system, we often join together in ministry with other United Methodist congregations. The CTC has provided a new MinistrySafe compliance form for “Church to Church” ministries involving children and youth, in addition to the CTC Sponsored Events compliance form.* You can access the forms by clicking [here](#) and finding the forms under Local Church Procedures.

*NOTE: CTC Chrysalis has its own compliance form that the Chrysalis Board provides to team volunteers.

Finally, please consider our **Summer “Refresher” Workshops** on MinistrySafe policy and implementation. This is a great way for new staff (including clergy) and your local Oversight Committee (including all new SSAs) to be informed and prepared. We will have tips on the Interview process, best practices, and plenty of Q&A time. Cost is free. Register today!

Saturday, July 30th, 9am – Noon at Genesis UMC in Fort Worth

<https://ctc-reg.brtapp.com/MinistrySafeWorkshop-FortWorth>

Saturday, Aug. 6th, 9am – Noon at Temple FUMC

<https://ctc-reg.brtapp.com/MinistrySafeWorkshop-Temple>

July Edition You are receiving this newsletter because you are listed as a SSA - Safety System Administrator of your church. The purpose of the newsletter is to answer frequently asked questions, provide supplemental information and resources as they become available, and share best practices related to our Central Texas Conference policies and MinistrySafe procedures. Please share this information with your supervisors. *If you are no longer your church's MinistrySafe SSA, please be sure to change the information on your church's dashboard and contact Sheryl Crumrine (sheryl@ctcumc.org) to update our mailing list. The newsletters will be archived on the CTC website (<http://www.ctcumc.org/ministrysafe>). This site also contains a link through which you can submit a topic for consideration to the MinistrySafe Oversight Committee for inclusion in a future newsletter.*

We hope this resource will be helpful for you as we move forward into implementing MinistrySafe and to continuing to grow in excellence in our care for children and youth in the years ahead.

The CTC MinistrySafe Oversight Committee



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