

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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As we strive to be a resource for the local church, ***communication is a key tool***. We know those who are responsible for MinistrySafe in a local church can change whether that's church staff or a volunteer leadership position. In short, we want to be able to communicate with the right person.

So, we are currently trying to update our database of Safety System Administrators (SSA). Please take 2 minutes to submit your current information so that we may know the name, email, and church position of each SSA in our CTC churches. If your church has added a new SSA in the past year that we may be unaware of, please forward this link to them so that they may also submit information.

In general, we strongly encourage churches to consider having two SSAs to provide consistency and continuity if one SSA is not available (e.g., vacation, extended illness, staff changes, etc.) This past summer, we heard from more than one congregation that the SSA was out of town and how could they get

access to the church's dashboard. A Pastor and a lay person may be a good combination of two SSAs who can cover the responsibilities together.

Safety System Administrator (SSA) will also be added to the 2016 Charge Conference forms as one of the "leadership assignments" in the local church.

This will also provide us with another way to communicate with you.

Thank you for all you do to keep children safe in the church building and beyond it!

[Please provide information HERE](#)

For any questions please contact Rev. Amber Massingill in the CTC Conference Service Center (817-877-5222).

October 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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