

FORM 8

SAFE SANCTUARIES© COMPLIANCE REPORT-- Upper New York Conference

Due two weeks prior to Charge/Church Conference and will be reviewed by DS and Safe Sanctuaries Team.

Congregation _____ District _____

Appointed Pastor or Pastoral Leader _____

Pastor or Pastoral Leader has completed at least one Conference 3-hr Basic Safe Sanctuaries Training? Yes No

If No, please explain why? _____ Date training was/will be completed: _____

Check the groups with whom your congregation has ministries:

Children Youth Elderly/Shut-ins Special Needs Adults Other vulnerable adults*

*(A vulnerable adult is someone 18 or older, who is less able to care or protect themselves as well as adults who work with children and youth, where accusations of abuse could mistakenly arise, or those who have been abused as a child or adult)

Items are based on Upper New York’s current Safe Sanctuaries Minimum Standards which can be found at https://www.unyumc.org/images/uploads/UNY_SafeSanctuaries_Minimum_Standards_updated_2016.pdf

Directions: Check either YES or NO. If NO, please explain why and what date the church/ministry will be in compliance. To be in compliance, all answers should be YES for items 1-8, 9B.

1. The church's SS policy and procedures has been reviewed within the annual orientation of clergy and those who work directly with children, youth and vulnerable adults this year? Yes No If Yes, When? _____
2. The church’s Safe Sanctuaries policy & procedures reflect UNY’s Minimum Standards. Yes No Please email church Safe Sanctuaries Policy to safesanctuaries@unyumc.org or attach a copy to this form.
3. A current Safe Sanctuaries policy is on file in the District Office. Yes No
4. All clergy & laity have knowledge of and access to the policy. Yes No
5. Background checks are completed every 2 years for clergy, paid workers, and volunteers who have regular and direct contact with children, youth and vulnerable adults (i.e. youth group, Sunday school, VBS, Visitation teams, etc.) Yes No
6. All adults who have regular and direct contact with children, youth, and vulnerable adults have completed at least one Conference 3-hr basic Safe Sanctuaries training that includes all topics listed in The Minimum Standards. (i.e. youth group, Sunday school, VBS, Visitation teams, etc.) Yes No
7. Attendance records are kept for all ministry events/activities involving children and youth. Yes No
8. The church maintains files of workers that include documents completed in the recruiting and screening process and of their training and service. Yes No
9. A. Our congregation includes sex offender(s). Yes No
 B. If YES, a covenant for constant shepherding is in place for sex offender(s). Yes No

Signature of Pastor or SS Team chairperson _____ Date _____