

## **Boundary Awareness Training**

The 2006 Annual Meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference affirmed a resolution from the Chesapeake Association which called upon the Conference and its Associations to undertake Boundary Training for its clergy and church leaders.

Following the adoption of this resolution by the Annual Meeting the Conference Ministry Team called together representatives of the five associations to design a Boundary Awareness Training Program for the Conference. It was agreed that each Association would adopt its own Boundary Training resolution using a similar template and that a common curriculum would be designed.

In order to maintain Ministerial Standing authorized ministers in the five Associations were asked to complete Round One of Boundary Training within two years at any one of the events held throughout the Conference. This two year cycle has been nearly completed.

At least 25 Boundary Awareness Training events have been held at locations throughout the Conference for nearly 400 clergy. A substantial portion of the curriculum for these events was based upon materials developed by the Faith Trust Institute with a particular focus on sexual misconduct.

The purpose of this proposal is to outline understandings for renewal of Boundary Training for those who have already completed Round One.

### **Boundary Awareness Training: Round Two Proposal**

In November 2010 representatives of the Association Church and Ministry Committees and the Ministry Team met to evaluate the experience and plan for Round Two. As a result of this consultation it is proposed that:

**The authorized ministers within Central Atlantic Conference and the five associations complete Round Two of Boundary Awareness Training by end of 2015.**

**In order to maintain Ministerial Standing, authorized ministers must attend one two events by that date.**

**The events will be 4 to 6 hours on one day.**

These events will be held at various locations throughout the Conference. Topics will include:

2012 – Internet issues; Email, Facebook and Twitter (may want to use Mass. Program)

2013 – Self-care event, perhaps in a retreat setting (could be an entire day)

2014 – Retiring in your church community; meddling

2015 – Financial issues OR Multicultural concerns, anti-racism

## **Methodology**

These one-day Boundary Awareness Training events may take a variety of forms, including:

1. As a webinar, on-line program or video conference on a date or two per year
2. Development of a common curriculum with approved trainers providing training on their own schedule in each association
3. Completion of a satisfactory course offered by a recognized organization and approved by the Church and Ministry Commissions.

## **Costs**

It is anticipated that Round Two events will be “self-funded”. Participants would be asked to contribute to the cost of Boundary Training including registration fees, trainer honoraria, and meals. The Associations and Conference will be asked to subsidize these costs.

## **Oversight/coordination**

A task group made up of a representative of each association and the Ministry Team will be asked to oversee continuing implementation of the Boundary Awareness Training program, including possible expansion to incorporate Boundary Awareness Training for church leaders and development of a common curriculum.

The task group will also be asked to develop a program for Round One Boundary Awareness Training for those who are new to the Conference and consider the development of Training programs for church lay leaders.

The Conference Minister and the Associations will be asked to continue to provide participant certificates and maintain participation records.

## **Approvals**

Affirmed by the Conference Board of Directors for Referral to the Association  
Church and Ministry Committees  
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