

Upper New York Annual Conference Safe Sanctuaries Compliance Report

Our mission is to live the gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God’s love with our neighbors in all places.

(Due two weeks prior to Church/Charge Conference. To be reviewed by the DS and the Safe Sanctuaries Team.)

Congregation _____ District _____

Appointed pastor or pastoral leader: _____

Check those groups with whom your congregation has ministries:

- Children Youth Vulnerable Adults Elderly/Shut-ins Special Needs Adults

Questions are based on the 2011 UNY Safe Sanctuaries resolution and 2016 Minimum Standards found at <http://www.unyumc.org/resources/safe-sanctuaries>

Directions: Check either YES or NO. If NO, please explain including your plan to address this.

1. Does the congregation have a current Safe Sanctuaries policy and practices/procedures document? (based on 2016 Minimum Standards)

Yes No If no, please explain. _____

2. Is a current policy on file in the district office? Yes No

If no, please explain. _____

3. Do workers have knowledge of and access to the policy and practices? Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

4. Have you reviewed and revised (if necessary) your policy in the last year? Yes No

5. Are criminal background check completed every two years for workers who have regular and direct contact with children, youth, and vulnerable adults? Yes No If no, please explain _____

6. Have all adults who have regular and direct contact with children, youth, and vulnerable adults completed a basic, comprehensive Safe Sanctuaries training? (Including topics listed in 2016 Minimum Standards.) Yes No

If no, please explain. _____

7. Is there an annual orientation for adults working with children, youth, and vulnerable adults that includes the church’s/ministry’s policies and practices as it applies to the ministry/event? Yes No If no, please explain.

8. Are written or digital attendance records kept for all events/activities involving children and youth?

(These records include date and names of all participants and will be kept into perpetuity.) Yes No

If no, please explain. _____

9. Are their known sex offenders in your congregation ? Yes No If yes, is there a covenant for constant shepherding in place? Yes NO

If no, please explain. _____

10. Are youth under age 18 used only as assistants? (Youth cannot be used as an adult for the “two-adult rule?”)

Yes No If no, please explain. _____

11. Is the congregation following other practices put in place in your policy? Yes No

If no, please explain. _____

Signatures:

Pastor or pastoral leader: _____ Date _____

Congregations Lay Leader : _____ Date _____