

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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June 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

2 Summer Workshops

These will be held as an overview to our CTC MinistrySafe policy and procedures. Tips will be offered for the interview process. Local church case studied will be discussed. And plenty of Q&A time will be allowed.

Cost is free. Please register your attendance by clicking on the day you plan on attending.

[Saturday, July 30th, 9am-Noon at Genesis UMC, Fort Worth](#)

[Saturday, August 6th, 9am-Noon at Temple FUMC](#)

Thank you!

Updates from the CTC MinistrySafe Oversight Committee:

In our effort to support your mission, the CTC MinistrySafe Oversight Committee has clarified some confusing wording regarding Worker to Child Ratios written in the CTC MinistrySafe Policy for Children’s Ministry. The section found on [page 10](#) now reads:

WORKER TO CHILD RATIOS

“This church is committed to providing adequate supervision in all children’s ministries programs. In the Central Texas Conference, a minimum of two unrelated adults are required at all times using the following ratios:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Unrelated Workers</u>	<u>Children</u>
Nursery	2	8
Preschool, 2 and 3 years old	2	12
Preschool, 4 and 5 years old	2	18
Elementary	2	20

The Central Texas Conference recommends any additional helpers be at least 5 years older than the oldest child participant.

If a worker is ‘out of ratio’ it is his/her responsibility to immediately notify the program supervisor or the

Children's Pastor/Director. Supervisors will make diligent efforts to find substitute workers to immediately bring worker to children rations into compliance with this policy.

Please make note of these changes or print a revised copy of the policy from our CTC website: www.ctcumc.org/ministrysafe

Also, on the CTC website you will find revised **"Steps for Implementation"** for those congregations, SSAs or Staff needing guidance in the administration of MinistrySafe.



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