

Why attend?

We are recognizing at this moment there is much relational brokenness in our society and world. God cares about these wounds, about healing them, about building life-giving, respectful relationships that allow each person to experience God's love and flourish. God has placed the church in this world to be an agent of healing and light. In this workshop, we will learn how pastors, leaders and the church can recognize areas of need and respond, as well as be a Christ-like community in which healthy relationships and boundaries are built and modeled.

- Decades of wonderful ministry and mission can be undermined, and trust in Christ, his church and others shattered by an incident.
- How can we better be aware of ethical pitfalls and avoid them?
- What are best practices to keep you and your congregation safe and healthy?
- What to do if you see or learn of someone experiencing abuse.

Format

Mark's engaging, realistic interactive teaching through stories, case studies, questions, breakout groups and some Q&A will include a few breaks.

Questions?

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Boundary Training



Saturday, Aug. 3

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

OR

Saturday, Nov. 9

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Conducted via Zoom



Presenter

Yellowstone and Glacier Presbytery are jointly offering this *Book of Order* **required** training. Mark Bassingthwaight, Esq., will lead the workshop.

Mark has extensive experience in risk assessment, presented legal seminars and written extensively on risk management. He led boundary training for Yellowstone in the past.

Prior to moving to Florida, Mark served as an elder in First Presbyterian Church in Billings.

If you are unable to attend one of our trainings, you must go through a training offered by another judicatory or as provided by your pastor.

Cost: Free, thanks to Mark's generous gift of his time, wisdom and experience

Details

What Is the Training?

Every three years, pastors and elders within the bounds of Glacier and Yellowstone Presbyteries are required to complete an ethical and boundary training event. This workshop will provide the mandatory ethical and boundary training to address issues of behavior, healthy decision-making and risk management in terms of ministry leaders/workers in the church. Based on a biblical theological foundation, we will learn the importance of healthy boundaries, information on current Montana law regarding mandated reporting, discuss boundary challenges with internet technology and consider the importance of self-care and peer support.

Who is Invited?

All ministers of the Word and Sacrament (retired, validated ministries and at large), all Commissioned Pastors, Certified Christian Educators, seminary students, and now also **REQUIRED for ALL** currently serving elders. Also invited are Youth Group leaders, Sunday school teachers and nursery care workers.

When & How?

Saturday, Aug. 3, 9:00am-1:00pm

OR

Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:00am-1:00pm.

Both workshops conducted on Zoom.

How Do I Register?

You can register for either the Aug. 3 or Nov. 9 workshop online at glacierpresbytery.org or by completing and returning this form

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Role (i.e., pastor, elder, Christian educator) _____

Denomination _____

Presbytery: ___ Yellowstone ___ Glacier

Other _____

Date attending (select one)

___ Aug. 3 **or** ___ Nov. 9

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