

# THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

## Understanding the Policy

The United Church of Canada developed and circulated a **Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response Policy and Procedures** for the whole of the church in 1993 (revised in 1998, 2007, 2011 and 2013). The policy may be found on the web at: <http://www.united-church.ca/files/handbooks/sexual-abuse-prevention-response.pdf>

The policy is based on the following beliefs:

- that human sexuality is a gift of God to be respected, valued and celebrated;
- that power and authority is vested in leadership (both lay and clergy) to be exercised with the highest ethical and moral standards.

## What is the Process?

**What you can do** if you think that you may be experiencing sexual harassment or sexual misconduct:

- **Contact** a Consultant with the Sexual Abuse Policy for an initial confidential conversation. You will find names and numbers listed on the next page.
- **Believe** and trust yourself and your feelings.
- **Know** that the church through its consultants will honour and respect you. They will guide you through a confidential process to resolve the concerns.

The Consultant will explain the Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response Policy and Procedures to you and will review the concepts of misconduct and harassment. S/he will help you to clarify the concerns that you bring forward and walk with you as you discern the next steps.

## BC CONFERENCE SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE COMMITTEE

SAPR is committed to ensuring that our church is a safe place for all. The committee educates, appoints, and oversees appropriate consultants and officers of the court who may be involved with concerns of sexual abuse. It also regularly reviews the policy and procedures of the Conference with respect to Sexual Misconduct. The committee **Convenor, Graham Brownmiller**, is available to discuss any concerns with you. Please do not hesitate to contact him for further information:

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## **SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY**

### **AND PROCEDURES CONSULTANTS**

The Consultants are skilled in understanding the policy and issues of sexual abuse; ready to offer confidential counsel and advice in dealing with your concerns. They are appointed by the BC Conference Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Policy and Procedures Committee.

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