

## **Boundary Issues Training**

The following is the statement included in the Sexual Misconduct Policy of the Presbytery of New Covenant, adopted in June, 2011:

“The Presbytery of New Covenant requires all minister-members, commissioned ruling elders and certified Christian educators to participate in an educational event, sponsored by the Committee on Ministry, which outlines professional and ministerial boundaries, the General Assembly Sexual Misconduct Policy, and their own specific council or entity policy. This event is offered each year and is required every five years.”

The Committee on Ministry will schedule a 90 minute presentation based on the DVD “Sacred Trust” produced by the FaithTrust Institute in regional gatherings for the purpose of educating church professionals on appropriate professional and ministerial boundaries and the Sexual Misconduct policy of the Presbytery of New Covenant.

A Sacred Trust is a program of four training segments and a facilitator's guide. The goals of the program are to:

- Increase awareness of the need for healthy boundaries in the clergy-congregant or teacher-student relationship
- Provide clergy, lay leaders and teachers with guidelines for appropriate boundaries and self-care
- Illustrate strategies to sustain a safe, healthy church
- Define boundaries and why they are important

The four training segments address:

Part 1: Boundaries, Power and Vulnerability (22 minutes)

Part 2: Dating, Friendships, Dual Relationships, Gifts (23 minutes)

Part 3: The Pulpit, Transference, Hugging and Touch, Intimacy (22 minutes)

Part 4: Personal Needs and Self-Care, Red Flags, Final Reflections (22 minutes)

The accompanying facilitator's guide includes background information, discussion questions, interactive exercises and audience handouts.