

**Mandatory Sexual Ethics Training
For All Clergy
In the Michigan Area
March 2012**

March 19, 2012 at Birmingham First United Methodist Church, Birmingham 48009; or
March 20, 2012 at Gaylord First United Methodist Church, Gaylord 48624: or
March 21, 2012 at Cornerstone Church, Caledonia 49316

Each day the doors open for check-in and refreshments at 8:00 am.;
Program starts promptly at 8:45 and wraps up at 4:30 pm.

Pre-Registration is required for each site;

On-line registration begins January 3, 2012.

Individual Cost will be \$8.00, (\$15.00 at the door).

Our Sexual Ethics Trainer for each day's event will be:
Rev. Michelle Foster, Clergy Ethics Coordinator for Western North Carolina Conference

Our conversations will focus on healthy boundary setting and boundary keeping within our interpersonal relationships and in our engagement with technology. Handouts will be provided. You are encouraged to bring a pen or pencil if you would like to take notes throughout the day.

FAQ's:

- 1) **Who has to come?** All clergy, provisional and full connection, (Elders, Deacons, Licensed Local Pastors and Retired Clergy) currently under appointment or anticipating an appointment. In addition, Conference Program Staff (Laity) are invited.
- 2) **What if I'm from another Area or Jurisdiction and serving in Michigan?**
Yes, you are expected to attend if you are serving an appointment in Michigan.
- 3) **What about clergy in Extension Ministry appointments?** All clergy are expected for mandatory training. If clergy are serving an appointment out-of-state, they may receive their training in the Jurisdiction where they live, but our conferences (their home conference) will need dated documentation of training within the last year for their file.
- 4) **What happens if I have a conflict and cannot attend this training?** All clergy must attend Sexual Ethics Training to be eligible for appointment. If a life-event prevents attendance, the clergy person should contact Dr. Dobbs in Bishop Keaton's office as soon as possible.

- 5) **I think this is a great idea, but where did it come from?** It came from all of us, acting together as a General Conference. Bishop Keaton, in accordance with the mandate of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, (*The Book of Resolutions, 2008*, p.139) is requiring this quadrennial training for all clergy within our conferences.