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CHILD ABUSE RESPONSE AND PREVENTION

Our churches and ministries need to be **safe places** for everyone, especially children, youth and any vulnerable or marginalized people. Many of our churches have worked hard to develop abuse prevention policies and plans, but there is still a need to make abuse prevention – an appropriate response in the case of a suspicion or allegation – a focus of our attention. The CABC Child Abuse Response and Prevention Working Group, have been developing a comprehensive resource (with gratitude to the Baptist Foundation for their grant assistance) in response to this need. This resource is now available online for churches and leaders.



you should do, what you should not do, and what you may consider doing. There is a lot of information, but it's organized in a user-friendly nested fashion.

Who can help us? The Working Group has greatly appreciated the professional expertise of Lorraine Street, Risk Management Consultant. To date, five people have been trained by Lorraine to offer a first level of assistance to churches. They can be contacted through the website and will be available to help churches at a small cost. In situations where further help is needed, churches may contact Lorraine Street.

Where can I find it? <http://baptist-atlantic.ca/child-abuse-response-prevention>

How does it work? The website is built around common questions such as, "What do I do if I think that one of the youth in my youth group is being abused?" or, "What does the law say that we must do to protect our children from abuse?" or, "What are the basic issues involved in screening?". Clicking on a question will take you to the next level where you will answer questions relating to what province you live in (some regulations are provincially-specific), how old the child or youth is, etc. As you proceed through the levels you will find help with knowing what

Dr. Peter Reid: "I am deeply grateful for the important work that the team has completed on behalf of the Churches of the CABC. I believe it is critical that we do all that we can do to protect children from any kind of abuse and to have a clear protocol and know how to act in the event we suspect a child has been abused. It is my hope that all of our churches will avail themselves of this excellent tool and very timely information."

If you have any questions about this material or want to get in touch with Lorraine, please contact our office by phone or through the webpage at <http://baptist-atlantic.ca/child-abuse-response-prevention/questions>.





IMPACT LEADERS

BY REV. GREG JONES



“In every great crisis, the human heart demands a leader that incarnates its ideas, its emotions and its aims. Till such a leader appears, everything is disorder, disaster and defeat.”

(From a New York Times editorial a week after the fall of Fort Sumter, triggering the start of the American Civil War.)

Many would argue that the then new President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, proved to be such a leader.

I believe that many churches in North America are in desperate need of this kind of leadership today. Churches are closing in record numbers, and of those still open many are barely holding on, uncertain of their future, feeling despair but longing to once again be places of light and life. Perhaps you know of such churches.

Some think the notion of leadership has no place within the church; that somehow it is incompatible with congregational governance. Such people derisively dismiss leadership as being about control and attempting to get one’s own way. That concept, however, confuses manipulation with leadership.

I am a great believer in the importance of **good leadership**. From my reading of Scripture, every time God moved in a

powerful way among his people He first raised up a leader – what we could call an **Impact Leader**. I further believe that as Christ-followers, whether lay or clergy, we are all called to be leaders, as leadership is ultimately about **influencing those around us**. (For a great read on our common call to leadership, check out this article of Tim Elmore’s ... <http://growingleaders.com/blog/is-everyone-a-leader/>).

This is why **Impact Leaders** is one of the three ministry essentials (along with **Infuse Culture** and **Ignite Mission**) of this mission partnership of churches called the CABC. There is an intentional double meaning to the phrase – Impact Leaders. It is both verb and adjective. A key priority as the CABC is to impact (*verb*) leaders; as well, we will work for the churches of the CABC to be full of Impact (*adjective*) Leaders, both clergy and lay.

Those in leadership will have an impact, whether positive or negative. Our purpose is to encourage God-focused Impact Leaders and leadership that is highly missional, collaborative, innovative, vulnerable, resilient and transformative.

God is still in the business of raising up and using Impact Leaders for Kingdom mission today. May it be so. May it be us to God’s glory.



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