



## McCurdy Ministries Safe Sanctuary Training Standards

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*McCurdy Ministries, along with the United Methodist Church affirms that all children, youth and vulnerable adults have the right to safe sanctuary. So McCurdy is committed to providing an environment on our grounds and in our ministries, in which children, youth and vulnerable adults are safe from neglect or abuse. The scope of the McCurdy Ministries Safe Sanctuary policy and its provisions shall apply to all staff, parents and volunteers, clergy or lay, who have direct or indirect contact with children, youth, or vulnerable adults in the context of our ministries. Most United Methodist annual conferences have instituted Safe Sanctuary certification or similar programs. McCurdy Ministries will recognize certification from these annual conference programs provided they meet the standards we have set.*

These standards include:

1. Application
2. Training either through an online program or by an individual trainer certified by the annual conference.
3. Criminal Check including
  - SSN Verification & Address History Trace**
  - National Criminal Database Search (with Re-Verification of positive records)**
  - National Sex Offender Registry Search**
  - County or Statewide Court Search for the state and county in which the individual resides**
4. Pastoral/Professional Reference
5. Personal Reference

***How do I determine whether or not my annual conference Safe Sanctuary (or similar) certification meets the standards stated above?***

In order to have your annual conference Safe Sanctuary certification recognized by McCurdy, you must request a description of your annual conference's certification process be mailed or emailed to Rev. Diana Loomis, McCurdy director of church relations, at [dloomis@mccurdy.org](mailto:dloomis@mccurdy.org) from the annual conference staff member who administers your conference Safe Sanctuary certification. Please note if your annual conference certification process is not approved you must complete the McCurdy online Safe Sanctuary training and be certified **before your arrival on campus**. The Missouri and Great Plains Annual Conferences and the General Board of Global Ministries Individual Volunteer Program of the United Methodist Church have Safe Sanctuary (or similar) certification processes that are already approved by McCurdy because their training meets all McCurdy's standards and is conducted by certified trainers. As more annual conference certification processes are approved this list will be expanded.

***Once my annual conference Safe Sanctuary (or similar) certification process is accepted what is next?***

Each volunteer must provide a copy of their certification letter from their annual conference directly to Ms. Vickie Luviano, McCurdy volunteer manager, at [vickie@mccurdy.org](mailto:vickie@mccurdy.org). If you complete the McCurdy Safe Sanctuary certification this step is not necessary because your certification is on file until it expires.

***Please note:*** It is the policy of the McCurdy Ministries Board of Directors that as of Feb. 1, 2013, all volunteers and staff must be Safe Sanctuary certified by McCurdy or the United Methodist Annual Conference in which they reside. McCurdy Safe Sanctuary training can be found at [www.mccurdy.org](http://www.mccurdy.org), costs \$30 for individuals 19 and older and \$15 for 15-18 year old youth and can be completed in an hour and a half.

***Questions about our Safe Sanctuary training? Please contact Eufemia Romero by email at [eromero@mccurdy.org](mailto:eromero@mccurdy.org) and by phone at 505-753-7221, ext. 210. You may write to Ms. Romero at McCurdy Ministries, 261 S. McCurdy Road, Española, NM 87532.***

**Thank you for helping to create a safe, nurturing atmosphere  
for all children and youth participating in McCurdy Ministries programs!**