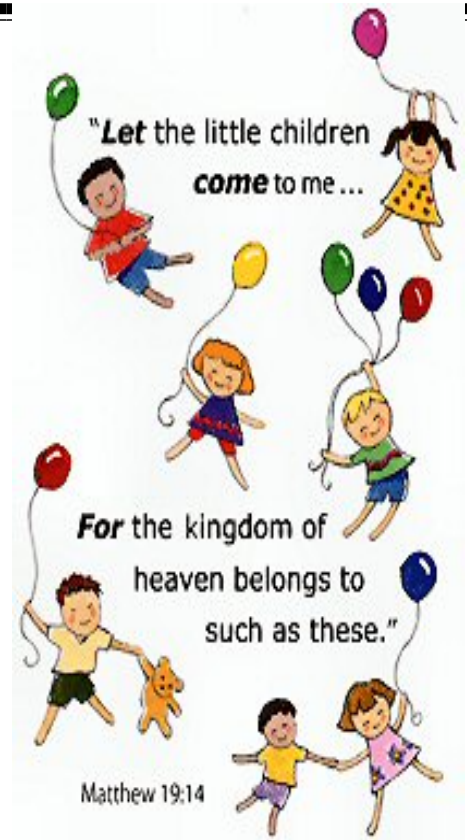


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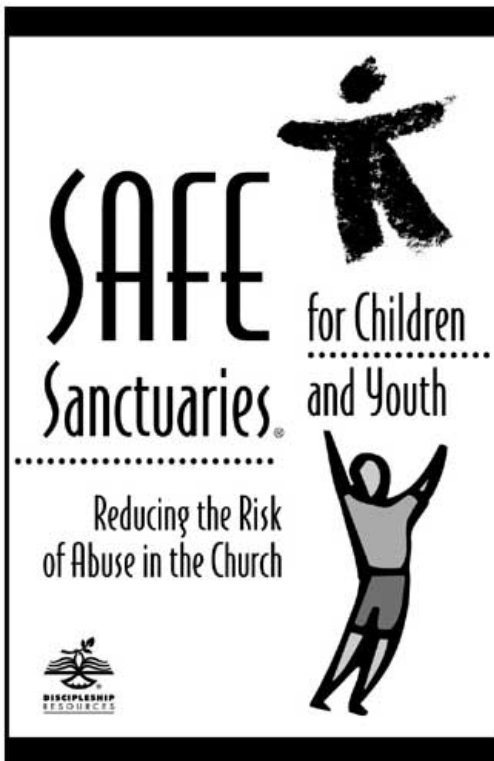


Reducing the Risk: Child Sexual Abuse in the Church



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NCNY UMC AC is committed to provide training which will educate, inform and enable the local church to faithfully embrace practices and policies allowing ministry in local



Recognizing the growing threat of child abuse and its presence even among God's own people, the 1996 General Conference adopted a resolution on "Reducing the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse in the Church" which states, "God calls us to make our churches safe places, protecting children and other vulnerable persons from sexual and ritual abuse. God calls us to create communities of faith where children and adults grow safe and strong." Safe Sanctuaries is the movement and initiative to fulfill this call upon us – to make our churches safe places for the young and the vulnerable and those in ministry with them.