

## LCA Safe Place Policy

The LCA Safe Place Policy was introduced by the Church in 1997. The policy equips Church members to respond to sexual abuse & harassment with justice, compassion and awareness of the needs of all parties involved.

The National body of the Church is responsible for the policy development and monitoring the policy.  
The District implements the policy and provides feedback on the policy to the National Committee.

### The policy

- Defines sexual abuse and harassment;
- Defines those people covered by the policy;
- Outlines requirements for congregations and the church in general regarding screening and training;
- Provides a complaints process.

Congregations are expected to implement as appropriate and to publicise the policy. The Safe Place poster should be displayed on the church notice board and the Safe Place booklets should be made available.

Awareness briefing is applicable to the whole adult parish community. All pastors, staff, and volunteers of the church are required to undertake the Safe Place training. Training is to be updated every three years.

Under the policy, all staff and any person with a role in the church that brings them into contact with vulnerable people (eg children, elderly, shut-ins) are required to have a police check. (In NSW, due to government restrictions, only paid workers have police checks; all volunteers sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration.) In addition, people working with children (anyone under 18) are required to undertake the Child Safe training.



## LCA NSW District Safe Place

# Train the Trainer Workshops



## Sydney

Saturday 17th May 2008

9am - 4pm

## Wagga Wagga

Sunday 18th May 2008

11am - 6pm

## What is Train the Trainer?

The LCA Safe Place 'Train the Trainer' workshop leads participants through the 'Level 2' training, and then unpacks it in order to equip people to lead 'Level 2' training in their local congregations.

Training will also incorporate issues of child protection, domestic violence, and Childsafe Risk Management.

## Who is it for?

For pastors, Safe Place Coordinators, and anyone suitable to lead Safe Place training at the congregation level.

## Why?

Workers and volunteers in all congregations must fulfil the requirements of the LCA.

Employed persons must comply with police checks; volunteers who work with children must complete a Prohibited Employment Declaration; and congregations must provide training for all persons in positions of ministry and leadership, and those who work with children and youth within the church's activities.

The training program is necessary to maintain the required level of awareness, and also to maintain insurance cover. Insurance cover is affected if appropriate training has not taken place.

Please make use of these training opportunities.

## Safe Place Train the Trainer

### Where

#### **St Mark's Lutheran Church Epping**

56 Norfolk Rd, Epping

### When

**Saturday 17 May 2008**

**9am - 4pm**

Lunch: BYO or can be purchased at the shops nearby.

### Where

#### **Bethlehem Lutheran Church Wagga Wagga**

7-11 Athol St, Wagga Wagga

### When

**Sunday 18 May 2008**

**11am - 6pm**

Lunch: will be provided.  
Cost to be confirmed.

### Presenter – Colleen Fitzpatrick

Colleen Fitzpatrick is chairperson of the LCA National Safe Place Committee. Colleen has been involved in the LCA Safe Place Policy since it began. She has also been involved in Safe Place matters on an ecumenical level.

### To register

To register for either of these training events, please contact NSW District Office on 9736 2366, or [safeplace@nsw.lca.org.au](mailto:safeplace@nsw.lca.org.au) by 9 May 2008.