

Bethel Mandatory Training for Adults who work with Youth

Bethel wants every child, youth and adult to be loved, cared for and kept safe. The following describes the training and steps adults MUST take to work with our young people.

If you are an adult that works with minors (children/youth under age 18) or vulnerable adults at Bethel we thank you for your service to our community of faith! Now, to continue to serve, please apply and complete the mandatory training we are implementing. The mandatory training is a self-guided program which all adults who work with minors at Bethel must complete. If you help with Sunday School, Underground facilitator, F3 Ministry, Nursery Care, Vacation Bible Camp or chaperone youth events, you must be trained. You need internet access and the cost is \$37 per person. The training is valid for two years. At the end of that time you will be contacted to renew the training.

To apply:

1. Go to the Safe Gatherings website <https://safegatherings.com/>
2. Click on the link labeled "START APPLICATION."
3. Choose "Church or Faith-Based organization" under "type of organization."
4. Select "Lutheran" for the denomination. Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church is in Virginia even if you live in West Virginia or Maryland.
5. Type "Bethel" as organization name and "Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church" should appear.
6. Complete the remainder of the application.

References: You will be asked to provide two references that will be contacted to assure you will protect and keep minors safe. Safe Gatherings will complete the process with your reference.

Background Check: Safe Gatherings will use your provided personal information to conduct a criminal background and sexual offender registry check.

Online Training: Once you have applied through safegatherings.com you will complete a self-paced training module that covers abuse prevention and boundary awareness. At the conclusion is a brief online test. Allow 90 – 120 minutes for the training which can be completed a portion at a time.

Your successful completion is then immediately sent to our database manager who will put you in the database as approved to work with youth and will make your approval available to Board Chairs and teams for activities. Thank You!

Questions? Please contact: Pat Shields at administrator@bethelwinchester.com