

## Central States Synod – Rostered Ministers Training

Thank you for registering with the Central States Synod for the 2021 Boundary Training:  
(information available at [www.css-elca.org/boundarytraining](http://www.css-elca.org/boundarytraining))

This year all rostered leaders, PMAs, and SAMs actively serving congregations are required to complete the 2021 Boundary Training online classes and workshop. To receive your 2021 Boundary Training Certificate, you will need to complete the following:

- **Step 1.** Complete the following two online courses through Safe Gatherings:
  - **The Safe Gathering Abuse Prevention Course**
    - (Cost is \$24, & takes approximately 2 hours to complete)
  - **The Safe Gatherings Clergy Ethics Course**
    - (Cost is \$22, & takes approximately 1½ hours to complete)

You can take these courses at your leisure, but they need to be completed by **Tuesday, April 20, 2022.**

To complete the requested training you will need to start at the Safe Gatherings website, <https://safegatherings.com/>, and create your account following these instructions:

(The first course that you will purchase is the Safe Gatherings Abuse Prevention course.)

### **Safe Gatherings Abuse Prevention course.**

1. Click on the **GET STARTED** button on the upper right-hand side of the [Safe Gatherings home page](#).
2. On this next page you will have fields that need to be completed in order:
  - Language Preference: The default is ENGLISH, but you can also select ESPANOL
  - Choose Your Type of Organization: Please select **CHURCH OR FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION**
  - Select Denomination: Please select **LUTHERAN**
  - Select the country for your organization: The default is UNITED STATES
  - Select the state/province for your organization: Please select **MISSOURI**
  - Type the most UNIQUE part of your organization name, then select: Please type **ROSTERED**, then select **ROSTERED MINISTERS**
    - **IMPORTANT-** Do not enter the name of the church you are serving, only “Rostered Ministers” so that you are registered in the correct account for your training.
    - NOTE-The City in which the organization is located will autofill with “Kansas City”
  - You will then continue to complete the remaining fields with your information and create your login.
    - The username will autofill with your email address that you provide, or you can create a different username.
3. When you verify that you are not a robot, you will move to the next screen to provide more information to create your training account in Safe Gatherings.

4. After you provide your contact information you will click NEXT. On this next screen, you will enter your credit card information to purchase the course. When you have entered the information, click on "PAY".
5. The next screen will be your Welcome screen. You will see the blue button "Click here for Training Course". Please click on that button to be taken to the course.

### **Clergy and Ministerial Ethics Course**

After you have created your training account in Safe Gatherings, you will receive an email inviting you to follow a link back into your account to purchase and complete the Clergy and Ministerial Ethics course.

- **Step 2.** Plus, you are required to participate in a workshop entitled "**Getting Onto the Slippery Slope.**"
  - This workshop will be led by Barbara Keller through a ZOOM workshop.
  - This ZOOM link will be available in mid-April. It only be sent to participants who have completed the two Safe Gatherings courses listed above.

### **Questions:**

- If you have any questions regarding the synod requirement to complete this training, please contact [Rev. Dave Whetter](#) at the Central States Synod office.
- If you have any questions on the creation of your Safe Gatherings training account or the access to the training in your account, please contact Safe Gatherings directly at 888-241-8258 or [contact@safegatherings.com](mailto:contact@safegatherings.com).