

AS A FAITH LEADER, YOU CAN

*PROMOTE HEALTHY
RELATIONSHIPS.*

SUPPORT SURVIVORS.

*FOSTER A CONGREGATIONAL
CULTURE OF RESPECT FOR ALL.*



SEXUAL VIOLENCE

AFFECTS PEOPLE

OF ALL

FAITHS

RESOURCES

Faith Trust Institute: www.faithtrustinstitute.org

Religious Institute: www.religioustinstitute.org

Organizational Assessment for Faith

Communities: bit.ly/FaithResource

Safe Church: www.safechurch.com

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As a leader of a faith community, you help set the tone for how your community responds to this issue. One of the most important things you can do is be prepared to address sexual violence in your congregation.

Support survivors and prevent sexual violence:

- Believe survivors when they share their stories with you. Assure them it wasn't their fault, no matter the circumstances.
- Train staff, volunteers, and congregants to model healthy behavior and boundaries with adults and children.
- Organize educational programs on topics like healthy relationships and healthy masculinity.
- Collaborate with and support your local rape crisis center. *For example, post its contact information on bulletin boards.*
- Create a victim-centered policy around safe ways for people who commit sexual harm to remain part of your congregation.

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