



**Keeping Faith:
Empowering Faith Communities to Recognize and Respond to Child
Maltreatment
Samaritan Women 3-Session Agenda**

Session 1: Monday, April 5, 2021, 6:00-8:00pm EDT

6:00-6:15pm **Welcome and Introductions**

6:15-8:00pm **When Faith Hurts: Recognizing and responding to the physical, emotional, and spiritual impact of child abuse (Part 1).** This workshop begins with an overview of the teachings of Jesus on child abuse and then reviews research on how maltreatment impacts a child physically, emotionally and spiritually. Case examples of how offenders use religion in the abuse of children will also be presented. Attendees will receive concrete information on recognizing signs that a child has been physically abused, sexually abused, or neglected.

Session 2: Monday, May 3, 2021, 6:00-8:00pm EDT

6:10-8:00pm **When Faith Hurts: Recognizing and responding to the physical, emotional, and spiritual impact of child abuse (Part 2).** This workshop begins with an overview of the teachings of Jesus on child abuse and then reviews research on how maltreatment impacts a child physically, emotionally and spiritually. Case examples of how offenders use religion in the abuse of children will also be presented. Attendees will receive concrete information on recognizing signs that a child has been physically abused, sexually abused, or neglected.

Session 3: Monday, June 7, 2021, 6:00-8:00pm EDT

6:00-7:50 pm **Policies and pastoral care.** Attendees will learn best practices for church policies to prevent abuse and, when it can't be prevented, to respond with excellence. Policies for managing a convicted sex offender in the congregation will also be discussed. A primer on pastoral care for both survivors and offenders will be presented.

7:50-8:00pm **Wrap Up**

Please note that this training addresses the issue of child abuse in concrete terms. This includes case studies of child abuse which may be emotionally impactful. If you are concerned about the content and the possibility this may trigger painful memories, please speak to a counselor or pastor in advance of the conference and practice self-care during the workshops.