Proposed Charge for the Safer Congregations Committee

The Safer Congregations Committee is responsible for the overall oversight of the safety ministry and is accountable to the Board. With the Board, the Committee formulates the mission and vision of the safety ministry. It assesses the risks facing the congregation, establishes policies and procedures for the safety ministry, and works with the Board on safety and security policies and procedures for the congregation. The Committee may reach out to and consult with members and community partners for assistance in creating certain policies and procedures for the congregation.

The Committee will offer a report at each annual meeting of the congregation. Policies will appear at least annually in the congregation newsletter, will be used as appropriate in training/orientation for leaders and teachers, and be included in new member packets.

The Safer Congregations Committee falls under the congregational governing body (the Board). Its members are selected or approved by the Board.