



The department for
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of the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church



2008 Online Educational Series

About the Series... A new initiative of the Ministry Protection Department, this educational series is a monthly webinar style online presentation. It is designed to be approximately 30 minutes in length and provide clear, timely and relevant information to Conference churches, schools and affiliated ministries. Below is the list of our topics and presenters for 2008. Further information will be distributed prior to each monthly session that will note the exact date, time and login/access information for each webinar.

Ministry Protection and the Conference Insurance Program

May



A comprehensive look at the property, casualty and workers compensation insurance program. What exactly is Ministry Protection? How does my church fit into the program? Who are the other participants?

Presented by: Mark B. Thomas, Director of Ministry Protection

A life-long United Methodist with 16 years of risk management, safety consulting, claims and litigation management experience, Mark is the Director of Ministry Protection for the Florida Annual Conference as well as an active member of the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) and the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE).

Hurricane Preparedness and Procedures

June



The hurricane season is upon us. Can you do anything to evaluate and prepare your facility for the coming storm? You might be surprised. Hear what an expert from one of the world's largest disaster restoration companies has to say.

Presented by: Gina Dolezal, Regional Director Belfor USA

Gina is the regional director for the South East Region of the United States. A former FEMA and commercial property adjuster, Gina currently provides disaster recovery, project management, and continuing education classes. Belfor is the worldwide leader in disaster recovery service.

Facility Usage and Certificates of Insurance

July



What is the difference between an "outside facility user" and a ministry of the church? Do you know what a Certificate of Insurance is and why you need it? Doesn't the Conference insurance program just cover everything? Learn how to successfully transfer risk.

Presented by: Mark B. Thomas, Director of Ministry Protection

Mitigating Damage, Keeping a Small Loss Small

August



OK, your church has just sustained a property loss... Maybe a small fire or seemingly minor water damage. Minor incidents can escalate out of control quickly if they are not addressed properly from the beginning. Learn how to handle these issues proactively.

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Child/Youth Protection and Sexual Abuse Response

September



What do you do if an incident or allegations occurs? Do you notify DCF? What about the parents of the other children and youth? Hear from one of the coauthors of the Conference Child/Youth Protection Policy regarding sexual abuse and molestation issues.

Presented by: Mark A. Hanley, attorney Glenn, Rasmussen, Fogarty and Hooker, PA.

An accomplished trial attorney, active member of Hyde Park UMC and valued friend of the Conference, Mark is an expert in issues of sexual abuse and misconduct as well as employment issues.

Managing the CONNECT Database

September



What is the CONNECT Insurance Database? How do I navigate it? Is it important to my church and the Conference insurance program? Get a professional tour of the system and hear why it is crucial to your church and the insurance program.

Presenter: Tom Gill, Account Executive – Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services

Based out of Boca Raton, FL. Tom is the senior account executive for the Florida Annual Conference account. Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services is the fourth largest insurance brokerage in the world, providing extensive services to the Annual Conference and local churches.

Performing Self-Inspections of Your Facility

October



You can evaluate your own facility for fire and life safety hazards and reduce your risk of injury or damage... and it is easier than you might think. Listen to a nationally renowned safety expert show you how.

Presented by: James D. Smith CSP Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services

James is a loss control expert with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, as well as National Vice President of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), the nation's oldest and largest professional safety organization.

Automated External Defibrillators

November



You may have seen an AED in public facilities, airports, etc. What are they and why are they there? Are they easy to use in an emergency? What about cost? Learn why your church should have one.

Presented by: Rob Williams Cardiac Science

Rob is the territory manager for Cardiac Science, a global leader in cardiology products and services. Cardiac Science is the market leader in Florida, providing AED products and services to entities such as the cities of Tallahassee, Orlando and Jacksonville, numerous police and fire departments, as well as private entities such as the University of Miami.

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