

Reporting Sexual Misconduct

“Sexual Misconduct within ministerial relationships is a betrayal of sacred trust. It is a continuum of sexual or gender-directed behaviors by either a lay or clergy person within a ministerial relationship (paid or unpaid). It can include child abuse, adult sexual abuse, harassment, rape or sexual assault, sexualized verbal comments or visuals, unwelcome touching and advances, use of sexualized materials including pornography, stalking, sexual abuse of youth or those without capacity to consent, or misuse of the pastoral or ministerial position using sexualized conduct to take advantage of the vulnerability of another. It includes criminal behaviors in some nations, states, and communities and is a chargeable offense in The United Methodist Church.” (2016 Book of Resolutions, #2044)

If you have experienced sexual misconduct in your congregation or any conference setting, please reach out first to your district superintendent or directly to the office of Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño.

The bishop and district superintendents can be reached at the following numbers:

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño – 916-374-1510

Bay District – DS Staci Current – 415-758-8358

Central Valley District – DS Debra Brady – 209-661-4358

El Camino Real District – DS Samuel Hong – 408-442-2450

Great Northern District – DS Blake Busick – 916-374-1503

Los Rios District – DS Shinya Goto – 209-628-9205.

If you are not comfortable contacting someone in the conference, you may contact the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women Hotline at their confidential toll-free number 1-800-523-8390. You can also visit the website UMSexualEthics.org for more information and resources for raising awareness, preventing sexual abuse, promoting healthy boundaries and bringing about justice and healing.