

Reformation Lutheran Church

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Mandated Reporting

In accordance with Pennsylvania state law, all individuals acting as an integral part of a program, activity or service and accepting responsibility for a child are considered to be mandated reporters. Mandated reporters are obligated, by law, to make reports of suspected child abuse immediately following suspicion of an incident.

Mandated reporters only need a reasonable cause to suspect abuse to make a report. Reasonable cause is an evaluation made based on the reporter’s knowledge of the circumstances, the reporter’s observation of the situation, the reporter’s familiarity with the individuals involved and the reporters feelings about the incident.

At Reformation this includes, but is not limited to, all volunteers within the Youth and Christian Education Ministries of the congregation.

Making a Report of Child Abuse

All reports should be made immediately to ChildLine. Reports can be made by phone (1-800-932-0313) or online (www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/)

If possible, use the online, electronic reporting. You will need to register as a user. Technical issues or questions regarding the electronic reporting should be referred to the Support Center (1-877-343-0494). If calling is the only option and you cannot get through to ChildLine, document your attempts to reach ChildLine and then make the report to the local children and youth agency.

Reporters are guaranteed complete anonymity and confidentiality for all reports made. Reporters should follow up with a pastor of Reformation following any report made.

I have read this document, understand my role as a mandated reporter for suspected child abuse, and have been provided with resources for identifying child abuse and information for obtaining additional training for mandated reporters by the leadership of Reformation Lutheran Church. I understand that failure to report suspected abuse can result in legal action taken against me.

Have you ever been accused of, participated in, or been convicted of sexual misconduct? _____

Have you been a legal resident of Pennsylvania continuously since 2010 or before? _____

Name – Printed

Signature

Date

One copy will be retained for your record and the other will be kept on file at Reformation.