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Dear Church Secretary

**Re: Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Training Session**

I'm sure you are aware that all responsible organisations and charities must demonstrate an awareness of Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups and that regular safeguarding training is essential for all those working directly with children, young people or vulnerable adults in the church and those who are responsible for the work.

I am therefore pleased to tell you about an upcoming Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups training session in your area that has been organised by the Pembrokeshire Baptist Association and the South West Wales Presbytery.

Please see the attached poster for more details. This information is also available on the Panel website.

The session will be held on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm**  
At **Ebenezer Church, Swansquare, Haverfordwest, SA61 2HD**

This session is open to anyone but it is particularly important that all front line volunteers attend safeguarding training. Please inform your Sunday school teachers and helpers, children and youth volunteers, pastoral visitors, elders/deacons and trustees about the training.

The aims of the session are as follows:

1. *To gain an understanding of the content and purpose of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Handbook which is your safeguarding policy.*
2. *To know how to respond to concerns about children and vulnerable adults.*
3. *To understand the importance of creating a safe atmosphere through safer recruitment and good working practice.*

Please ensure that the relevant people attend so that you, as a church, can be confident that you are working in line with your Safeguarding Policy and best practice and that all are aware how to respond if they have any concerns about an individual or situation. This training will also help you to comply with Charities Commission guidelines and many insurance policies.

There is no need to book a place but please contact me if you would like any more information regarding this session or other safeguarding matters.  
Many thanks for your help in promoting this event.

Kind regards

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