

To all Church Pastors & Leaders in California:

Effective January 1, 2022, all youth service organizations, including churches, in California that have any form of children / youth service within their operations or ministries must now adhere to a new legal “Standard of Care” as a result of the passage and signing into law of AB 506. The new law requires everyone, including administrators, employees, and volunteers, in the youth service organizations 18 years of age or older, and who has direct contact with, or supervision of, children for more than 16 hours per month or 32 hours per year to:

- Complete **mandatory training** in child abuse and neglect identification and reporting.
- Undergo a background check that involves **fingerprinting**
- Establish policies designed to prevent and correctly respond to child sexual abuse with **specific requirements**

The law gives insurance carriers the right to seek proof of compliance before providing insurance coverage or renewal. As a result, if you ignore the requirements of AB 506 or fail to comply with the law, you may not be able to renew your church’s insurance coverage.

Assistance from the Central Pacific District

1. To alleviate the financial burden from AB 506 on our churches to have all the administrators, employees, and volunteers who are involved in the children / youth ministries to do background check through LIVE SCAN, we will provide a scholarship of up to \$80 for each person who must do a LIVE SCAN. Just send us a list of individuals who have performed a LIVE SCAN and we will send you the scholarship.
2. An online training session will be held on Wednesday, Feb 23, at 10am to provide you with more information. Zoom link is as follows:

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3. Click [here](#) to view the content of AB 506 and click [here](#) for more information.