



Keeping Our Sacred Trust

# Understanding Clergy Sexual Ethics

## Online Training for Ethical Boundaries in Ministry

**The issue of clergy sexual misconduct is on the mind of nearly every church leader today.**

*Understanding Clergy Sexual Ethics* from the *Keeping Our Sacred Trust* series creates awareness of what constitutes misconduct, factors that can lead to misconduct, and positive steps that can prevent even the appearance of misconduct.

*Understanding Clergy Sexual Ethics* fosters healthy emotional responses that can counter tendencies toward misconduct, and helps clergy develop the instincts, habits, and support systems to sustain healthy and positive relationships.

*Understanding Clergy Sexual Ethics* addresses real concerns and questions from the perspective of those in pastoral ministry:

- Why is maintaining boundaries essential to my pastoral effectiveness?
- What behaviors violate sacred trust?
- How do I maintain appropriate boundaries?
- Why is it important to avoid the appearance of misconduct?
- What factors and feelings can make me vulnerable to misconduct?

### What recent course users have said

- “The easiest online course to navigate I have taken. It is very user friendly.”
- “Very thorough and thought provoking.”
- “The best course I have taken on sexual misconduct.”
- “A good balance of theological and practical. Very helpful and well worth the time.”

### Course details

- \$49 to enroll
- .5 CEU issued by the Lewis Center upon completion
- Certificate of successful completion issued
- Individual and group registration available
- Open to clergy of any denomination and non-denominational pastors
- Enroll and pay online at [lewisonlinelearning.org](http://lewisonlinelearning.org)

### Offered in a convenient online format

- Learn via written instruction, video presentations, interactive learning, and personal reflection exercises.
- Work at your own pace, taking the time necessary to process information and reflect.
- Engage in honest self-reflection with an online system that is completely confidential.
- Study when and where it fits your schedule.
- Avoid the time and expense of travel to workshops or seminars.

The online format ensures full engagement of the study material through built-in accountability mechanisms. And it is accessible to extension ministers, retired clergy, and those serving in remote areas.

### A proven and time-tested resource

*Understanding Clergy Sexual Ethics* grew out of an earlier online training curriculum developed by the late Richard A. Hunt, Ph.D. for United Methodist clergy in Texas. In 2010, the Lewis Center for Church Leadership entered into a partnership with Dr. Hunt to make the course more widely available. Working with Dr. Hunt and other consultants in the field of clergy ethics, the Lewis Center edited, reorganized, and supplemented the original course and created a new online delivery system. Over 4,100 clergy in a wide variety of denominations have used the course since the Lewis Center relaunched it in 2011.

### Also available in the *Keeping Our Sacred Trust* series

- *Maintaining Boundaries in a Digital Age*
- *Boundary Issues for Church Staff Members* (Coming soon)
- *Handling Finances with Integrity* (Coming soon)

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