

## Resources relating to *The Theology of Safeguarding*

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<b>Resolutions</b>	<p>81/1. The Council receives the report.</p> <p>81/2. The Council supports the recommendations in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this report.</p> <p>81/3. The Council directs the Ministries Committee, in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee, to consider how the <i>Worship: Leading and Preaching</i> course might need to be developed to take account of the contents of the <i>Theology of Safeguarding</i> report.</p>

1. As well as adopting *The Theology of Safeguarding* report, the 2021 Conference further directed that the Methodist Council in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee produce the resources described in paragraph 9.3 of that report, and consider what other resources might be needed, and develop the theological content of the Advanced Safeguarding training in the light of the report (Resolution 27/3).
2. The resources described in paragraph 9.3 of that report included: a *Reader's Guide* and video presentation; discussion guides for particular contexts (such as church councils, circuit leadership meetings, and local preachers' meetings for example); and a short resource to enable further reflection on forgiveness including some bible study. Subsequent conversations have also indicated that embedding the thinking within local preachers' training is key, and that in due course some resources for children and young people might be useful.
3. *The Theology of Safeguarding* report was developed in consultation with various individuals and bodies and some thought had already been given as to the potential development of resources, to potential conversational partners, and to how this might fit with work already in process (such as the review of the Advanced Safeguarding training module and work with the Survivors' Advisory Group). Whilst some of these resources might be developed relatively quickly, others will take some time, not least to ensure that a variety of experiences of people who have experienced abuse is part of the process. Resolution 27/3A of the 2021 Conference further directed that an intersectional approach be adopted, recognising the diversity and complexity of experience, and that male and LGBTQ+ survivors be engaged in the development of any resources.
4. It is therefore suggested that the development of resources and the task of ensuring that the contents of the report are embedded in relevant training materials becomes part of the work plan of the Safeguarding Team, consulting with the Faith and Order Committee where appropriate; and that the Safeguarding Committee has responsibility for ensuring that progress is made during the next three years.
5. Alongside this, the Faith and Order Committee will take responsibility for producing a short resource (or one-off Bible Study) on forgiveness, and will consider whether any similar resources might usefully be developed regarding some of the other theological themes in the report.

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