



**Rocky Mountain Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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## **Safeguarding God's Children**

***Safeguarding God's Children*** provides participants with a basic understanding of the dynamics of child sexual abuse. This 3-hour course includes information on how to respond, prevent and protect the children and youth in one's congregation and ministry.

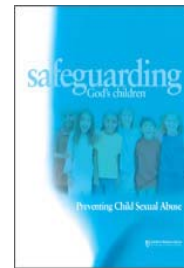
**Who should attend?** All rostered leaders are strongly encouraged to attend for their own knowledge and ministry. This is also a pre-view of the training that every congregation in the RMS is encouraged to offer to their entire staff and volunteers who interact with children and youth. All materials are available in Spanish.



The **instructor** is [Nancy Bond O'Neal](#), a licensed insurance broker and certified risk manager who has been serving synods and congregations in Region 2 since 1995. She is also on the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA). Nancy is a certified trainer for *Safeguarding God's Children*, having presented this workshop to more than 4,000 pastors, lay employees

and volunteers throughout the country.

The program was designed by [the Episcopal Church Pension Group](#) and is used extensively throughout the ELCA.



This training is in **response to the Safe Haven resolution** passed at the 2010 Synod Assembly, ". . . the Rocky Mountain Synod will provide synod-wide training to church leaders in "Safeguarding God's Children." an established and recognized training program in sexual abuse awareness, providing tools for clergy, Christian educators, youth ministers, nursery workers, council members and all who work with minors in our churches, to keep everyone safe."

This training opportunity is being presented at the [2011 RMS Theological Conference](#) which will take place at the Harvest Millennium Hotel in Boulder CO. The cost is \$10.

**Two sessions are offered:**

Monday, January 24 1:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **and**

Thursday, January 27 10:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. (with a lunch break from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. on your own at nearby restaurants)

If you have questions about the training, please contact [Linda Staats](#), assistant to the bishop for Youth and Household Ministry, by email or by phone at 602-740-3752.