CHURCH SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL

Our churches should be a place of safety and support for those facing all types of abuse. This assessment tool allows you to highlight areas where your church can become increasingly safe and effective.

AWARENESS 1

Minimum: Demonstrate awareness regarding prevalence of abuse.

evidence may include:

- Literature/Resources are prominently displayed

- Local and national DV **helpline numbers are displayed** in common areas and restrooms

- North American Division enditnow **resources are available** for staff and volunteers; the website/social media information is readily available

ENGAGEMENT 2

Demonstrate commitment to tackling abuse within the Church and community.

evidence may include:

- All forms of abuse are challenged in sermons, talks, small groups, etc. Enditnow Emphasis Day is observed (fourth Sabbath in August; materials available at **www.enditnownorthamerica.org**)

- All staff/volunteers participate in the Adventist Screening Verification Process **www.enditnownorthamerica.org/asv**

- Appoint an **enditnow representative/team** responsible for keeping resources up to date and researching local referral services

- Domestic abuse is covered in safeguarding policies; procedures are implemented and reviewed annually. Regular training opportunities are offered (North American Division Summit on Abuse)

SUPPORT 3

Demonstrate a commitment to supporting Victims/Survivors.

evidence may include:

- Deals safely with disclosures by reporting all allegations to appropriate authorities (**Recognize, Respond, Record, Refer**); aware of personal and Church limitations (see enditnow **decision tree**)

- Pastoral staff and church leaders are trained to offer meaningful and safe support and/or a 'Survivors group' is established and resourced

- **Abuse response training** is offered regularly (Contact enditnow North America for list of approved trainers)

- All ministries including children, youth, family, etc. provide appropriate information on abuse and resources are offered

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