

## **About Eden's Safe Congregation Program**

Eden United Church of Christ (Eden UCC) recognizes the spiritual and public trust given our faith community, and is committed to being a true sanctuary, both nurturing and protecting all participants in its activities, including members and visitors.

Worship of God requires openness, trust, intimacy, vulnerability, and a safe, supportive community.

Recognizing the many intentional and unintentional ways that we may harm ourselves and others, Eden UCC is committed to maintaining policies and procedures that create a safe environment for all who participate in our programs. Accordingly, Cabinet, on behalf of the congregation, establishes policies, screens and trains staff and volunteers, and educates the congregation in the following areas:

- Sexual misconduct and physical abuse, including legal reporting requirements
- Other forms of harassment (based on race, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, or physical ability)
- Accessibility for all people
- Emergency response and disaster planning

Cabinet reviews and updates its Safe Congregation policies and procedures on a regular basis to correspond with changes in civil law and the development and expansion of Eden's various ministries.

For more information about Eden's Safe Congregation program, policies, or practices, contact our Senior Minister, the Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring.