

**Presbytery of Plains and Peaks**  
**Sexual Misconduct Policy, as amended**  
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We believe that Scripture and our faith in Jesus Christ call us to standards of responsible conduct in all of life, including sexual behavior.

It is the policy of the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks that all members of Presbytery (ordained ministers), all persons on other rolls of Presbytery (commissioned lay pastors, commissioned church workers, inquirers, candidates), all employees of Presbytery (whether ordained to church office or not), and all who serve in the work or function on behalf of the Presbytery as volunteers or as specific agents of the Presbytery are to maintain integrity of ministerial, employment, professional, and ecclesiastical relationships at all times.

***It is further the policy of the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks that each minister member of the Presbytery, and all persons serving in pastoral relationships under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery, shall adhere to biblical standards of personal sexual behavior, including sexual fidelity within the covenant of marriage between one man and one woman, and chastity in singleness.***

It is further the policy of the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks that each particular church and entity operating within and/or under the authority of the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks shall adopt a policy prohibiting sexual misconduct and shall inform their congregation of the policy. A copy of each church's policy be provided to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Plains and Peaks.

The responsibility of the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks with regard to accusations of violation of its policy and procedures on sexual misconduct is to ensure that an effective, caring, and expeditious response is made to all persons, institutions, and entities which may be affected by either a violation of professional ethics or the allegation of a violation. In all cases, all persons shall be treated with respect, personal integrity shall be presumed, and statements shall be taken seriously.