

## **Frequently Asked Questions about the NCCA Safe Church Program (April 2021)**

### **1. Why have you stopped using the name SCTA?**

The season of work under the former Safe Church Training Agreement (SCTA) has moved into a new season. The program is simply referred to as the NCCA Safe Church Program and includes the NCCA National Child Safety Framework, Train the Trainer and the Safe Church Awareness workshops.

### **2. Is the NCCA Safe Church Program still endorsing training material?**

The Safe Church Program will no longer be endorsing training material for churches. Any member church that has had their training material endorsed under the former SCTA standards in the last two endorsement cycles (6 years) is recognised on our website as a 'training provider'. Module Four of the NCCA Child Safety Framework lists the training standards for each of the Child Safe Standards to assist churches in the development and delivery of training and other related education.

### **3. Have NCCA safe church training standards changed?**

The former SCTA training standards used for endorsement of training material used by churches have been reviewed against our new Child Safety Framework. The NCCA Child Safety Framework and associated training standards are broader as they are benchmarked to the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

The NCCA Awareness Workshop content covers more than Child Safety and this content is reflective of a 'whole of church' approach to safety for both children and adults.

### **4. Is the Safe Church program only focusing on child safety now?**

No. The NCCA Child Safety Framework and Standards are an offering for churches to assist them with the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission<sup>1</sup> and National Principles for Child Safe Organisations. These resources are critical to demonstrating the NCCA's commitment to Child Safety with Australia's churches.

NCCA's Safe Church Awareness Workshops for churches and Christian ministries will continue, as our awareness training is a much broader approach to creating a safe church culture for everyone. It is inclusive of information for church leaders and lay people about both vulnerable adults and children.

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<sup>1</sup> Commonwealth of Australia: Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, 2013-2017

**5. What is the difference between a member that is also a training partner or a training provider?**

For more information please visit our website here:

<https://www.ncca.org.au/safe-church-program/scp-members>

**6. How do I attend a Safe Church Awareness Workshop?**

For more information please visit the training calendar here:

<https://www.ncca.org.au/scp/scp-upcoming-events>

**7. How do I become an endorsed Safe Church Awareness workshop presenter?**

For more information on how to become an endorsed presenter go to our website here:

<https://www.ncca.org.au/scp/scp-presenter-training>

**8. Will there be a Safer Churches conference in 2021**

The NCCA Safe Church Program will no longer be hosting a biennial conference. Roundtables, webinars and other forums will continue to be offered for education and learning opportunities and members of the Safe Church Program will have input to topics, presenters and experience sharing to bring churches and Christian ministries together.

We look forward to supporting and partnering churches and faith based organisations in their conferences and events. If you would like to talk to us about partnering with NCCA, please contact [scpadmin@ncca.org.au](mailto:scpadmin@ncca.org.au)