

Lansing United Safe Sanctuaries Resource List

BOOKS

Melton, Joy Thornburg. *Safe Sanctuaries: Reducing the Risk of Abuse in the Church for Children and Youth*. Nashville, TN: Upper Room, 2008. ISBN: 978-08817-7543-3

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Melton, Joy Thornburg. *Safe Sanctuaries: The Church Responds to Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of Older Adults*. Nashville, TN: Upper Room, 2012. ISBN: 978-08817-7613-3

Melton, Joy Thornburg and Michele Foster. *Safe Sanctuaries in a Virtual World*. Nashville, TN: Upper Room, 2014. ISBN: 978-08817-7630-0

Gregory, Amber. *Little Sweetheart: How I Was Groomed, Abused, & Raped by a Teacher I Trusted*. Anamchara Books, 2022. ISBN: 978-1-62524-840-4

Safer Sanctuaries: Nurturing trust within Faith Communities. Nashville, TN: Discipleship Resources, 2023. ISBN: 978-0-88177-962-2

VIDEOS

Understanding Grooming and the Cycle of Narcissistic Abuse by Amber Gregory, 2024
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvh5Qt-UKKlw30jpyyw9XK_7kfNuxzqm8

“7 Warning Signs of Grooming.” YouTube. Accessed June 17, 2025.
<https://youtu.be/JCtpwMLq33I?si=kvX0zfTOgSMt6Ze>

WEBSITES

UNY Conference Safe Sanctuaries Resource Page
www.unyumc.org/resources/safe-sanctuaries

New York State sex offender registry
<https://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/index.htm>

Discipleship Ministries UMC
www.umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/safe-sanctuaries

General Commission on the Status and Role of Women UMC
www.umsexualethics.org

New York State Office of Children & Family Services
www.ocfs.ny.gov/main/

Prevent Child Abuse New York
www.preventchildabuseny.org

Childhelp (charity dedicated to prevention and treatment of child abuse)
www.childhelp.org

Child Welfare from the US Department of Health and Human Service
www.childwelfare.gov

Stop Bullying (from US Department of Health and Human Services)
www.stopbullying.gov

National Center on Elder Abuse
ncea.acl.gov