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Greetings!

We want to thank you for taking the time for picking up this application packet and for making a commitment to Laingsburg UMC's mission, along with us, to make our church the safest place in Laingsburg for *everyone*, especially children, youth, and other vulnerable persons. This is a commitment that we take seriously and believe that you do, as well.

In the packet that you now have, you will find all of the documents necessary to begin the process of becoming certified in Laingsburg UMC's *Safe Sanctuary Protection Policy*. These forms include:

1. Child/Youth Protection Worker Application

This form is for you to fill out in its entirety and to the best of your ability. Please know that answering "yes" to the transportation questions is not required for certification. This will simply help us to understand whether or not you're able/comfortable to drive for church related activities and ministries. Furthermore, this does not require a CDL or special driver's license beyond what is typically issued by the State of Michigan.

2. Authorization and Request for Criminal Records Check

Please know that this criminal records background check or any other portion of this certification process will be conducted and completed at no cost to you. Again, it is important that this form is completed in its entirety and to the best of your knowledge.

Once your application packet is complete, it will be reviewed for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not you qualify for certification pursuant to the church's *Safe Sanctuary Policy*. Please know that every application, as well as the findings of the review process are kept confidential (with the exception of the names of those who qualify for certification). Once a determination is made regarding your application, you will be notified either by telephone or in person, as well as by way of a formal letter, both detailing the decision and your next steps toward certification.

While we do understand that this is an investment of time on your part, we do appreciate your understanding that these are necessary steps toward the fulfillment, not only of our mission and commitment to our community, but of our call from God to care for and protect all of God's creation.

Should you, at any time during this process, have any questions that you need clarified, please don't hesitate to contact the church office.

Blessings and Peace,

Rev. Brian G. West
Pastor