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Dear Partner in Ministry,

Adequately protecting children and those who work with them is a major challenge facing local churches and para-church ministries. Some churches have established training and screening procedures that create a child safe environment; others know they need a program but are looking for guidance on both what constitutes an adequate program and how to get started.

On May, 13, 2014, at 9 a.m., Bob Jones University will sponsor a Church Safety Workshop led by Greg Love and Kimberlee Norris from MinistrySafe, an entity dedicated to sexual abuse awareness and prevention. In the five-hour session, they will discuss how to design and implement an effective safety system, including such topics as Sexual Abuse Awareness Training, Skillful Screening, Criminal Background Checks, Tailored Policies & Procedures and Monitoring/Oversight.

Greg Love and Kimberlee Norris are a dynamic husband and wife lawyer team with extensive experience in providing sexual abuse awareness training and assisting churches and other ministries across the U.S. in designing and implementing safety systems to reduce the risk of child sexual abuse. They also are actively involved in high school and children's ministries in their church in Fort Worth, Texas. Last fall, Greg Love conducted a number of sexual abuse awareness training sessions at BJU, training all of our 4000+ students, faculty and staff.

Details on the workshop and bios of the presenters are available at bju.edu/churchworkshop.

I encourage pastors and other church staff and lay leadership involved in children's and youth ministries to attend. If you do not have a safety program in place, you'll gain an understanding of how to proceed. If you already have a program, you will gain insights from these experts to make your program even more effective.

The workshop is free of charge and a box lunch will be provided, but to help us adequately plan, each participant needs to register at bju.edu/churchworkshop no later than May 6.

If we can provide additional information, please call us at 864-241-1634 or email Communications@bju.edu.

Sincerely,

Bruce McAllister
Director of Ministry Relations