

SAFE

What?

Screening

Safe Gatherings is a thorough process with an application, reference checks, and national background checks.

Training

Safe Gatherings provides training for working with children, youth, and vulnerable adults, recognize signs of abuse, and potential abusers.

Reporting

Safe Gatherings provides information about reporting so that you are better equipped to report if needed.


Who


Everyone who wishes to be authorized to work with children, youth, or vulnerable adults for a Michigan Conference or District-related event or ministry must complete Safe Gatherings.



For Michigan
Conference or District
Volunteers

Stuck?

 Call Safe Gatherings at 888-241-8258 and explain the issue. They should be able to resolve it for you.

 For questions or concerns related to the Michigan Conference process, contact Rev. Kathy Pittenger at kpittenger@michiganumc.org or 517.247.4030 x.4077

 safegatherings.com



How to Apply

Please follow these directions carefully

Go to the website:

safegatherings.com

Click on the “New User” button and then click on the “Sign Up” button

Application:

- Choose Language
- Select *Church or Faith-Based Organization*
- Select Denomination: *Methodist*
- Select State: *Michigan*
- Type in and Select: *Michigan Conference/District Volunteers, Lansing*
- Click Next
- *Complete the Information on this page*
- For Applicant Type: Select *Conference District Volunteer*
- For District: Select your district or *Heritage*
- *Continue to Complete the Registration Application*

References

- 3 references who are not related and you have known for at least 6 months. You will need to provide contact information (phone/email) for each person.

Payment

Once payment is submitted, you can begin the online training.



FAQ's

How long will it take to complete Safe Gatherings?

If you have all the information, the application process takes about 30 minutes and the training takes about 90 minutes.

How long until I'm approved?

The approval process can take between 3 days and several weeks. Please let your references know to expect an email from Safe Gatherings and to complete the form as soon as possible. It can also take time for the background checks to be returned from some counties. ***Please begin the process at least 3 weeks before you need to be approved.***