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## CommonWord Curator

### Website offers Faith-based Resources for Abuse Response and Prevention

*Abuse Response and Prevention*



*A Mennonite Central Committee website with contributions from* **CommonWord**  
Bookstore and Resource Centre

[abuseresponseandprevention.ca](http://abuseresponseandprevention.ca)

**Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), with support from CommonWord, has  
launched a resource website  
addressing issues of abuse for faith communities and their members.  
The website includes resources on intimate partner abuse, healthy relationships,  
sexual violence,  
clergy sexual abuse, how to offer support to survivors of abuse and assist those  
perpetrating harm.**

*“We know that too often churches have been places where people have been hurt, but we believe  
strongly that churches can be places of healing,”*

-- Jaymie Friesen, program coordinator for MCC’s Abuse Response and Prevention in Manitoba.

*“While the church, for years, has had policies and procedures for ministerial sexual misconduct,  
this resource provides a much larger framework that includes best practices for preventing and  
responding to all sexual violence,”*

-- Arlyn Friesen Epp, Director of CommonWord.

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