

Greetings,

ECMN has long partnered with Praesidium, which houses our database for Safe Church completion records as well as the online modules that mirror our live trainings.

On **July 14**, Praesidium is upgrading to a new training system now called Praesidium Academy (formerly called Armatus). Everyone in ECMN who has completed an in-person or online Safe Church training in the past four years has an active account in the Praesidium database. ECMN created many of those accounts on behalf of our Safe Church-trained members for the purposes of securely recording their status. Everyone with an active account will get an email from Praesidium advising them of the upgrade and inviting them to create a new account.

For the time being, please advise your Safe Church-trained members to **disregard** that invitation and any notices of training expiration that come from Praesidium Academy. ECMN is not asking you to create an account at this time.

However, you can if you want to. If so, watch this [2-minute demo video for users](#) or this [longer video for admins](#) and email support@praesidiuminc.com with any questions.

What do faith communities need to know?

Following advice from our chancellor and other dioceses, ECMN is making two crucial changes:

- **In-person training and records:** These will now be recorded by ECMN directly, with attendance records from trainers being sent in a timely fashion to safechurch@episcopalmn.org.
In the next few months, we will be creating, and then continually updating, a searchable record that faith communities can access as needed.
- **Online training modules and records:** The use of online training modules will be suspended during this time of transition. Later this year, we will introduce our new set of online training modules (likely some still from Praesidium). One new requirement that has already been determined will be a 20-minute call with a trainer following completion of the online modules. These will be offered a few times a month. Training via these modules will be recorded in the same fashion as an in-person training: by trainers.
The trainers who host the 20-minute calls will email attendance to



safechurch@episcopalmn.org, and it will be logged by ECMN side-by-side with live training completions.

What do faith communities need to do right now?

- **Current Leadership:** Communicate this information with the leadership at your faith community who are required to be Safe Church trained--both those whose trainings are up to date and those who will shortly need to be trained. You can either forward this email or link to this same information in this [Safe Church Transition PDF](#).
- **Trainers & Those Needing Training:** Continue to direct new people needing safe church training to our bi-monthly zoom offerings at www.schoolforformation.org/safe-church. You can also reach out to any of [ECMN's trainers](#) to offer an onsite or local zoom training. Please email attendance to safechurch@episcopalmn.org.
Reminder: Do not offer online-only training as an option until you see more information about that from ECMN in a few months, which will happen concurrently with our annual Trainer Camp in the fall.
- **Anytime before the end of 2021:** Download a copy of the archived data from Praesidium's old database for your permanent records (or email sarah.b@episcopalmn.org to have it sent to you).

Thank you for being so diligent in building safe and transformational communities all over ECMN.

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