

## **11.00 Response Coordinating Team**

### **11.10 Membership**

The Response Coordination Team (hereinafter RCT) is a committee of seven (7) ministers, elders, and members of churches of Presbytery of Coastal Carolina responsible for coordinating Presbytery's response under this Policy to reports of alleged sexual misconduct. Members of the RCT shall be elected by the Presbytery upon nomination by the Committee on Nominations, with the goal of having one person on the RCT from each of the Presbytery's six regions. The RCT shall be composed of three classes of approximately equal size. Terms of service shall be three years, except that members may be elected to shorter terms in order to establish classes or to fill unexpired terms. The RCT shall designate one member as the Chair.

### **11.11 Mission**

The RCT is charged with the responsibility to assure that an objective, effective, expeditious, and caring response is made to reports of sexual misconduct.

### **11.12 Responsibilities**

The Response Coordination Team shall work in consultation with the Stated Clerk, the Chairs of the Committee on Ministry and the Personnel Committee, and the executive committee of Presbytery Council to recruit a pool of resource persons to serve effectively as potential members of a Care Team. The pool should consist of at least eight persons from each of the Presbytery's three Missional Communities, and may be comprised in part of one or more members of the RCT. Individuals in the pool shall be expected to participate in only one Care Team in a period of three years. Additional teams may be implemented if needed. The RCT should seek to recruit as potential Care Team members persons who possess professional expertise and/or extensive experience in the following areas:

- Psychological counseling, with particular experience in the area of sexual abuse and its aftermath, as well as pastoral care;
- Child advocacy;
- Law, with particular experience in sexual harassment or abuse, civil tort proceedings, criminal proceedings involving matters of due process, and domestic relations law;
- Conflict management and resolution;
- Insurance and risk management; and
- Personnel management and training.