

**CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON SEXUAL ABUSE (SEXUAL HARASSMENT, SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, PASTORAL SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, AND SEXUAL ASSAULT)**

**Mandate**

**Ministry Personnel And Education Division**

The responsibilities of this committee shall be:

1. to raise awareness of people within the Conference on issues related to sexual abuse;
2. to make their existence and consultants' existence well-known in Conference;
3. to familiarize themselves with resources (e.g. secular consultants, educational materials, distress centres, women's centres, legal and medical advisors) within the Conference and share this information with the team of consultants and others;
4. to provide initial and ongoing training and support for consultants;
5. to be available to the designated officers of church courts for consultation regarding the wisdom of placing a respondent on leave with pay when criminal charges related to sexual assault or child abuse have been laid or when a formal hearing has been requested on a complaint of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, or pastoral sexual misconduct;
6. to suggest the names of people to be appointed to the team of consultants.

Membership: 3-5 persons who are willing to make a three to five year commitment;

at least two-thirds of the members should be women; women and men should be members of the committee;

appointed by, and accountable to the Division of MPE.

staff support: personnel officer