



## **Safeguarding Summit to be held in early 2025**

**16 December 2025**

The British Union Conference will host a Safeguarding Summit at the end of February 2025 for all Executive Committee Trustees, Field Leaders and Directors throughout its territory. The BUC Executive Committee voted the Summit at its last Executive on 5 December 2024 as a call for accountability and safety within our faith-based communities.

The Summit aims to equip leaders with spiritual wherewithal, moral courage, in-depth knowledge, and strategic tools to address the complexities of various forms of abuse within church structures.

Using a multidisciplinary approach of relevant professionals, topics will include:

- Power and Abuse: recognising and addressing authority imbalances in church ministries,
- The Abuse Environment: cultural and institutional challenges in safeguarding, and
- Risk Planning in Safeguarding: identifying and mitigating risks in faith-based contexts.

‘I am grateful to the Executive Committee for their vision in supporting the need for a Safeguarding Summit early next year,’ remarked Pastor Eglan Brooks, BUC President. ‘I know that this initiative will provide a greater understanding of how to navigate a challenging safeguarding landscape for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.’