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THE 2011 OAKLAWN PROFESSIONAL SERIES

*Preparing Faith Communities  
to Protect Children & Youth*

Thursday, October 20, 2011

## Preparing Faith Communities to Protect Children & Youth

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Are children safe in your church? Are you ready to protect children and youth in your families, your church, and the communities where you live, work, volunteer and play?

### About the Speaker

Dr. Jeanette Harder has a bachelor's degree in Bible from Grace University in Omaha, Nebraska, and a master's degree and Ph.D. in social work from the University of Texas at



Arlington. She has conducted research in child abuse and neglect prevention for more than 10 years and has published many professional journal articles. She grew to know and love children and families touched by child abuse through her years as a home visitor and foster parent.

Dr. Harder is on faculty at the Grace Abbott School of Social Work at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where she teaches practice and research courses at the undergraduate and graduate level and serves as Program Chair.

Author of the recent book, *Let the Children Come: Preparing Faith Communities to End Child Abuse and Neglect* (Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press), Dr. Harder is an active member of First Mennonite Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. She is married to Stan; together they have a son who came to them by open adoption.

This seminar will open your eyes to the things your church can do to protect

children and youth as well as strengthen families. You will also gain new community contacts to which you can turn for help. A panel of professionals will present the services they offer to churches and families. Is your church part of the problem of child abuse and neglect or part of the solution? Come learn how to be part of the solution.

### Schedule

7:15 a.m.	Registration/breakfast
7:50 a.m.	Welcome/Devotions
8:00 a.m.	<b>Preparing Faith Communities to Protect Children &amp; Youth</b>
9:30 a.m.	Break
9:45 a.m.	<b>Joining Dr. Harder in a panel discussion:</b>
	<b>Tony Sommer, Elkhart County Dept. of Child Services</b>
	<b>Kim Neff, LCSW, Oaklawn</b>
	<b>Candy Yoder, CAPS—Child And Parent Services</b>
	<b>Catherine Cicchiello, Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend</b>
	<b>Vicki Becker, Elkhart County deputy prosecuting attorney</b>
11:15	Conclusion

### Details

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, October 20, 2011
<b>Place:</b>	Oaklawn, 330 Lakeview Drive Goshen, IN
<b>Fee:</b>	\$20

### Seminar Objectives

In this seminar, participants will:

- learn what churches can do to prevent child abuse and neglect in their communities;
- learn how to write, adopt, and implement a child protection policy in their church;
- explore how community professionals and churches can collaborate to strengthen families and protect children and youth.

### Registration deadline

Please register by **October 14** by mailing your registration form and check to: Oaklawn Professional Series, c/o Gloria Holub, P.O. Box 809, Goshen, IN 46527.  
**OR, register online with credit card at [www.oaklawn.org](http://www.oaklawn.org). Click on News & Events.**

Questions? Call (574) 537-2680.

### Sponsorship

This seminar is cosponsored by CAPS—Child And Parent Services and Oaklawn's Faith and Mental Health Advisory Council.

**CEUs offered: 3.0** - The Indiana Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist and Mental Health Counselor Board has approved Oaklawn to provide Category I Continuing Education for L.S.W., LCSW, LMFT, and LMHC. However, licensees must judge the program's relevance to their professional practice. Oaklawn is approved by the Indiana State Psychology Board to present continuing education programs for psychologists as an approved sponsor of continuing education.



Dr. Jeanette Harder is founder and president of the board of Dove's Nest, whose mission is to: "Empower and equip faith communities to keep children and youth safe in their homes, churches, and communities." Learn more at [www.DovesNest.net](http://www.DovesNest.net).

### Registration for October 20 pastor seminar

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