



# SPRING 2022

The flowers are blooming and Spring is in the air, praise God! We hope your church took part in Safety Sabbath this year. If so, please share with us what you did! We got some really good things for you in this issue.

## New 2022 Adventist Risk Management (ARM) Initiatives

Every year, ARM comes out with new initiatives—areas to focus on. This year there are three:

1. **Informal Relationships** – Did you know that there can be significant losses due to the relationship between a church and a supporting, independent ministry? This definitely doesn't mean that we should never work with "independent" ministries, but that when we do work together, we must be careful to keep a plain distinction between one organization and the other with proper use agreements, advertising and more.
2. **Cyber Risk Awareness** – As we all know, this world is getting increasingly digitized. With this increase, there is also the inevitable increase in risk due to cyber threats. There are numerous ways we can help protect ourselves and organizations in this area.
3. **Protecting the Vulnerable** – Often when we think of "the vulnerable," we tend to think of minors. While this is certainly true, it goes beyond just minors. The vulnerable in our churches can also refer to others such as those who are handicapped and the elderly. We must consider them in our thinking for safety and emergency planning, as well.

For more resources on these initiatives, please visit <https://adventistrisk.org/en-us/region-initiatives> (NCC IT also has a wealth of information on how to avoid cyber risks).

## New Safety Officer/Pastoral Training on Safety Available!

Have you ever thought it'd be cool to have an online course on safety training for safety officers, pastors, and more? Well, okay, even if you never have, it's a great idea and now it's available! ARM now offers **free** online courses for pastors and safety officers that I **highly** recommend. I've been through it and it's a very good resource for both pastors and safety officers (I'd advise folks taking both just because they both have great information). If you're a pastor, or a safety officer, or an assistant safety officer, or on a safety committee, or you have new safety officers in your church, or just plain a member of a church, please check out these free online courses on risk management: <https://adventistrisk.org/en-us/safety-resources/risk-training-center>

And remember, <https://adventistrisk.org/en-us/home> is rich in resources for risk management for our schools, churches, personally, and for other ministries—take advantage of them. No sense in reinventing the wheel on safety info when there's so much here.



### NEW WEBSITE UPDATE

In case you didn't know, the NCC has a new website at [www.nccsda.com](http://www.nccsda.com). In a lot of ways, it's an upgrade from our previous, *however*, at the current time, while things are getting set up, the risk management area is not quite what it will be (under construction). We'll let you know when it's fully up to speed.

"The status-quo habits for 'grandfathered' vulnerabilities do not legitimize them."

*Stephane Nappo*

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