



We want to bring a very important resource to your attention. We have partnered with the LCMS Office of National Mission (ONM) and [MinistrySafe](#) to provide child protection resources to congregations, schools, camps, and other ministries that serve children. Our partnership with [MinistrySafe](#) allows your ministry to access online background checks and other training resources **little or no cost**.

We encourage all congregations, schools, recognized service organizations and other ministries who issue a Divine Call, hire new staff or use volunteers to perform a [criminal background check](#) on these workers. Discounted background checks are available at a minimal cost and many more resources are available to you at no cost when you enroll with [MinistrySafe](#) and use the **discount code - LCMS2024**.

This is also important as congregations prepare for Higher Things 2024 or for the LCMS National Youth Gathering in 2025. For example, the Level 3 background check through [MinistrySafe](#) is the standard level needed for these kinds of activities, and the contract price is \$13-\$18 (depending on jurisdictional fees) which is significantly lower than the same service through other providers.

Perhaps even more valuable than the discounted background checks are the **free training materials** that are available from [MinistrySafe](#) to help volunteers and employees, especially those that work with youth/children, utilize best practices in their relationships.

This also becomes important as insurance providers begin to require more training and background checks. MinistrySafe's services as a national organization provide you with resources to meet the requirements of your insurance providers.

Please visit the [MinistrySafe](#) website to see what they have to offer! These resources provide our ministries in Texas a significant opportunity to take advantage of these important services.