



CENTRAL ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

God is still speaking,

Boundary Awareness Training

In an effort to create flexibility for bi-vocational and specialized ministers, Central Atlantic conference and the Boundary Awareness Training committee have reconfigured the trainings required to maintain standing. This will consist of a basic training, anchored in the Faith Trust Institute, that will involve a four hour commitment, as well as several stand alone trainings on the ethics surrounding various topics such as: finance, social media, dual relationships/ sexual boundaries, chaplaincy/specialized ministry specific concerns, communication with youth, political boundaries, gender based ethics, and retirement. Authorized ministers will need to complete a total of eight hours of training- which should consist of the basic four hour training and an additional 4 hours of stand alone training sessions. It should be noted that the requirements in place previously, *with regard to full participation and completion of any assigned materials*, will remain alongside this change in structure. The completion of boundary training (8 hours total) must be completed every four years. The year in which you complete your basic BAT class will start the clock on your timeline to complete the remaining four hours.

Must complete four hours training	AND	Must complete 4 hours from the list below
BASIC BAT		Dual relationships/ sexual ethics
		Retirement ethical boundaries
		Financial ethics
		Social Media boundaries
		Communication with youth
		Chaplaincy/Specialized Ministry ethics
		Political boundaries
		Gender based ethics

Example:

Pastor Pat completed BAT basic in 2022, plus completed Financial ethics & Social Media for a total of 2 hours. Pastor Pat still needs to complete another 2 hours of training before 2026.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How often will these classes be available? *The basic class will be available online once this year and in person at the annual meeting. The individual offerings will vary, but at least three will be offered this year.*

What is the cost? *The basic course will cost \$50. Individual courses will cost \$15 per credit hour. **There must be at least five registrants for classes to be held.***