

Safe Gatherings Guide

Trinity Specific Notes – Updated 2026



Trinity is using *Safe Gatherings*, a resource recommended by the Michigan Conference of the UMC, to facilitate volunteer & staff registration and background checks.

The online process must be completed by all staff & volunteers every three years.

Detailed applicant instructions from *Safe Gatherings* are attached. Below are a few Trinity specific notes.

NEW APPLICANT? START WITH THIS LINK:

<https://tinyurl.com/TUMC-SafeGatherings2026>

This link will take you directly to a “Church Staff and Volunteers” applicant registration page specifically linked to Trinity. This prevents you from having to search for Trinity in the *Safe Gatherings* database and ensures your application gets to us!



New Trinity Applicant Link

RENEWING YOUR REGISTRATION? START WITH THIS LINK:

<https://safegatherings.com/app/>

This link will take you directly to the Login page for *Safe Gatherings*. Once there, enter the Username & Password you created the last time you registered and click Login. There are also help buttons for a forgotten username/password. Once logged in, you will see an Application Status Page with links for updating, completing training, etc. If you are not yet due for a renewal, the Status Page will show green check marks in the right column and read “Completed” in all steps with a renewal date over 6 weeks out.



Renewal Link

Safe Gatherings also generates a renewal reminder email 4-6 weeks before your application is set to expire. Following the links in that email will take you directly to your renewal page. The email will come from accounts@safegatherings.com and have a subject line: Re-Approval Email Notification. It will include the applicable link and the exact expiration date of your current approval.

Church Name for Registration

Trinity UMC Grand Rapids

Applicant Type

Church Staff and Volunteers

Driving

If you use the Trinity *Safe Gatherings* link above, you will not have an option to add a DMV check on Registration Page 3. If you use a generic link, you may see an optional check box to conduct a DMV check. Please do not select it. A separate *Volunteer Driver Application Form* will be provided to drivers by Trinity.

Payment

Trinity covers all fees for our applicants. When you reach the payment step, *Safe Gatherings* will confirm that by saying “Your training has been provided by Your Organization.”

If you have any trouble navigating the *Safe Gatherings* registration process, please contact us. We are happy to walk you through the steps and arrange group viewings for the online training course.

If you do not know if your *Safe Gatherings* approval is current or has been completed, contact Laura Johns.