**Purpose:**

The purpose of this document is to provide ideas for Church Councils and other entities when renewing their commitment to keeping children safe. Each year, every Church Council is required to formally adopt or reaffirm the Safe Church Policies and processes and to record a statement of commitment in Church Council meeting minutes.

**Suggested Minute of Commitment:**

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Uniting Church (or entity) is committed to providing safe places where people are cared for, nurtured and sustained. We have today adopted / reaffirmed the Keeping Children Safe Statement of Commitment as attached. Through it, we commit / recommit ourselves to the care, protection and safety of all people, particularly those who are vulnerable.

**After approving the Minute of Commitment (or similar) Church Council may wish to:**

* Print the Keeping Children Safe Statement of Commitment on Church or entity letterhead and display it publicly
* During a worship service or other congregational or organisational gathering:
  + Publicly affirm this commitment
  + Invite a representative child to receive a signed copy on behalf of the children
  + Create a liturgy OR a special event around renewing the commitment. This could be as part of Child Protection Week (first week of September)
  + Introduce the congregation’s Culture of Safety Contact Person