

## **Letter to the Fort Street Community From the Spiritual Development Committee**

Dear Friends,

We are writing to inform you that the session of Fort Street Presbyterian Church has accepted the *FSPC Child and Youth Protection Policy* developed by the Ad hoc committee. This document succinctly outlines the steps our church will take to insure the safety of youth and children involved in our church's programs. This policy allows us to comply with the requirements of our insurance company, the Book of Order of the PCUSA and our own conscience.

All staff members, as well as all volunteers who work with children and youth, will be contacted, asked to read the policy, and to sign a card acknowledging they have done so.

All new members and families participating in programs sponsored by the church will be made aware of the policy. Copies of the policy will be available from the church office or the Director of Christian Education.

You are encouraged to speak to the Rev. Dr. Sharon Mook, Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education or any Spiritual Development Committee member if you have questions or comments about this policy. We pray that our life together as a caring and responsible community of faith will continue to deepen in the months and years ahead.

Our thanks to the Ad Hoc Committee to Develop FSPC's Child and Youth Protection Policy: Nancy Jackson, Co-Chair; Paul Winslow, Co-Chair; Bettie Burton; Tom Marshall; Robb Sharrow; Loretta Stanton; and Amy Wolfe.

Respectfully submitted by the Spiritual Development Committee: Loretta Stanton, Co-Chair; Nancy Jackson, Co-Chair; Randy Commissaris, Suellen Sale, Kathy Payne, Milfordean Luster and Sam Umachi.