

# Safeguarding Policy for Christian Outreach in the Alps (CORA)

UK charity registration no. 1147862

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*Promoting a safer environment and life for all impacted by this charitable community.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

**1.1 References** This policy should be read with reference to the following documents:

1.1.1 Church of England Safeguarding e-manual.

1.1.2 Church of England Parish Safeguarding Handbook and other Church of England Practice Guidance.

1.1.3 Children, Youth and Families' Handbook.

1.1.4 Health and Safety Policy.

### **Policy Owner:**

1.1.5 The owner of this policy is: the Safeguarding Officer of CORA.

1.2 In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our charity is committed to:

1.2.1 Promoting a safer environment and culture.

1.2.2 Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people, and vulnerable adults within the church.

1.2.3 Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.

1.2.4 Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.

1.2.5 Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.

1.2.6 Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

### **1.3 The charity will:**

1.3.1 Create a safe and caring place for all.

1.3.2 Have a named Safeguarding Officer (SO) to work with the trustees of the charity, the volunteer chaplains and the safeguarding officer of the Committee [Association] of The English-Speaking Church, Verbier, Switzerland. The SO of the charity is Dr Mark Houghton, Director of CORA. **Contact phone** +44 78253 67116. **Email** [director@coralps.org](mailto:director@coralps.org). The safeguarding trustee is the chairman of the charity, Rev

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1.3.3 Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.

1.3.4 Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.

1.3.5 Display in church premises, Verbier, and on the CORA website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.

1.3.6 Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.

1.3.7 Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the statutory agencies immediately.

1.3.8 Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.

1.3.9 Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.

1.3.10 Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.

1.3.11 Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

**1.4 Each person** who works within this charity and church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this charity.

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Signed and dated by the Safeguarding officer Dr Mark Houghton:

Signed and dated by the Safeguarding trustee, Rev Andrew Wingfield-Digby: