A local church's role is to provide support and guidance for its members, particularly in situations where they may be facing challenges. The church should be a safe and supportive environment where members can seek help and find strength.

Church participation by a registered child sex offender:

Resolution #009, 2008 Book of Resolutions
Adopted 2008

No youth and young adults who are registered sex offenders are recommended to be involved in church activities as volunteers or leaders. The church should focus on supporting and mentoring these individuals to help them reintegrate into society.

The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church declare:

Resolution #014, 2008 Book of Resolutions