



Good people do not wear superhero capes and bad guys do not always have shifty eyes and devious-sounding chuckles. In real life, discerning the heroes from the villains often requires more than a visual assessment. This only means that you would never know whether someone is "good" or "bad" by looking at them when they walk through the front door of your church and volunteer to serve.

This is why **The North American Division of Seventh-Day Adventist Church** entered an agreement with **Verified Volunteers, a Sterling Talent Solutions Company** to provide both volunteer and employee screening for all Conferences. Verified Volunteers is the only background check platform tailored to the specific needs of the service sector and the first online community mobilizing repeat, vetted volunteers. The Verified Volunteers mission is, at its core, to help nonprofits and service organizations better fulfill their missions by reducing the time and costs associated with volunteer screening.

It is so important in this day and time to run these checks since one won't just know who is coming into their churches.

Verified Volunteers reported that about more than 10,000 local churches on every Conference have requested 9,000 background checks on volunteers and prospective employees since Verified Volunteers began offering the service early January of this year, 2017.

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| Total Screens Conducted | 9136   |
| Employees               | 33.72% |
| Volunteers              | 66.28% |

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***A reminder of why we need to take background checks seriously***

<http://www.click2houston.com/news/deacon-of-west-houston-church-accused-of-molesting-2-children-police-believe-there-are-more-victims>

This is nothing but quite a reminder of the importance of Verified Volunteers service and the value of background check screenings.

For the video in regards to this case, please click the link below:

<http://www.click2houston.com/video/police-discuss-arrest-of-deacon-accused-of-molesting-children>

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Children are our precious commodity. They have been entrusted to us, which only means that we have to protect them at any cost.