

START-UP PLAN FOR FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

REVIEW THE MODEL POLICIES FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

In August of 2021 the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany adopted the current policies of the Episcopal Church. To review these policies visit our website:

www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/sexual-misconduct-prevention/



DESIGNATE A TEAM

Your vestry should select a few key members to assist the parish clergy in the task of ensuring your parish is a safe place for children and vulnerable adults. This should not be the sole responsibility of the clergy. We suggest your vestry vote and appoint these team members. Key tasks: Summarize the model policy, keep records, monitor compliance, serve as individuals responsible for hearing reports

COMPLETE ONLINE TRAINING MODULES

Each deanery has its own Quick Start Guide for access to the Praesidium Academy. You may contact your dean to obtain this guide or the Diocesan Office. Your parish team should determine a schedule for individuals to take these online courses. Certificates can be printed when complete and filed at the parish office. A list of recommended courses can be found on our website.



SUMMARIZE THE POLICY

You will want to adopt a summary of the diocesan policies and procedures tailored to your particular church. We recommend you do this so you have clear and concise guidelines to share with potential volunteers and staff. You should also prepare event specific policies for various church events you hold or sponsor.

QUESTIONS?

Please direct questions to the Diocesan Safe Church Minister, Fr Michael Gorchoy

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