

Report to Diocesan Convention: Intake Officer

The Intake Officer of the Diocese is part of the Safe Church system, helping to, in the words of our Safe Church Policy, “make our Church a safe place: safe for those who worship, safe for those who minister, safe for those who come in need, safe for children, and safe for all who seek or serve Christ.” The Intake Officer receives concerns relating to suspected misconduct under our Safe Church Policy as well as any matter involving clergy misconduct. In receiving concerns, it is the Intake Officer’s responsibility to listen respectfully, offer pastoral care and response, and ensure that appropriate processes for accountability are followed.

My work most frequently involves consultation with both laypersons and clergy who are aware of or find themselves involved in situations that make them uncomfortable and which in some way don’t “feel right” because of the behavior of another member of the Church. Some concerns simply require conversation processing and clarifying the individual’s own options for resolving a situation, and other more complex cases require involving other persons or systems to re-establish safety for those involved.

As Intake Officer I work closely with Rev. Tanya Wallace, Safe Church Officer for the Diocese, as well as with other Intake Officers from Province I.

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