

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA  
STATEMENT OF SEXUAL CONDUCT

\_\_\_\_\_ I swear that I have never been convicted in a court of law or other legal proceedings (or had a criminal offense expunged from my record or entered into a plea bargain agreement in order to avoid a conviction ) involving sexual abuse, harassment, or exploitation. (Exceptions should be noted in detail in a separate letter to the Bishop.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I swear that, to the best of my knowledge, I have not been accused of sexual misconduct s defined by law and/or the policies/canons of The Episcopal Church and/or the Diocese of Alabama within the last five years of the date of this document. (Exceptions should be noted in detail in a separate letter to the Bishop.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that misrepresenting the truth on this document constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against me by the Bishop of Alabama, including, but not limited to, deposition and termination of employment.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Typed or Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I declare the foregoing statements are correct according to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop of Alabama

In addition to the covenant for Sexual responsibility, this form must be signed and returned to the Bishop's office by the following: (1) Any CLERIC canonically resident in the Diocese of Alabama (including non stipendiary, non parochial, those living outside the geographical boundaries of the diocese, retired, etc.); (2) all postulants and candidates for Holy Orders who have such status either granted by or accepted for this diocese; (3) all non canonically resident clergy licensed to officiate. Additionally, ALL NON CANONICALLY RESIDENT CLERGY LICENSED TO OFFICIATE who began to function within the geographic boundaries of this diocese as of January 1, 1995, and thereafter, except where noted below, must undergo a background check from a professional firm under contract with the Bishop of Alabama. There will be a fee for this service. In cases where the State of Alabama maintains a 'registry' for the purposes of background checks on certain categories of individuals who participate in specified activities that might fall under the domain of local parish and/or diocesan ministries, this registry may be substituted for the background check by the professional firm. You must, however, contact the Bishop's office if you choose to use such a registry. All NON CANONICALLY RESIDENT CLERGY LICENSED TO OFFICIATE who are present in this diocese but whose primary canonical/geographical residence is outside (e.g. chaplains on assignment to military bases, clergy in Alabama on sabbatical and/or enrolled in school, etc.) must provide proof of Coverage K or an equivalent insurance before being allowed to function; if such clergy can provide evidence of background checks prior to serving in this diocese or if they are able to provide a signed statement from their bishop of canonical residence for the immediately past five years (or the Suffragan Bishop of the Armed Forces) stating that the priest has been free of sexual misconduct allegations, such attestations shall suffice as meeting the requirements of the background check. All postulants and candidates for Holy Orders must have similar background checks as stipulated above. THIS FORM AND ANY ACCOMPANYING MATERIAL MUST BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD CREATE A POTENTIAL LIABILITY.