



## Diocese of California Whole & Healthy Church Policies and Procedures Acknowledgment

I acknowledge that I have received, read and understand the contents of the Whole & Healthy Church Policies and Procedures of The Episcopal Diocese of California, including the Policies for the Protection of Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults.

I understand that sexual, physical and/or personal abuse or exploitation is grounds for disciplinary action, including termination of employment or suspension from service.

I understand that I am expected to complete the training required by this policy, and that submission to the procedures outlined, including the duty to report suspected sexual, physical and/or personal abuse or exploitation, is a condition of my service in The Episcopal Diocese of California.

I understand that this policy may be updated from time to time and that I will be responsible for reading and acknowledging the updates.

### Read and initial each item to signify your agreement to comply with the statement.

\_\_\_\_ I agree to do my best to prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation among children, youth or vulnerable adults involved in church activities and services.

\_\_\_\_ I agree not to physically, sexually or emotionally abuse, neglect or exploit children, youth or vulnerable adults.

\_\_\_\_ I agree to comply with the policies for General Conduct defined in Whole & Healthy Church.

\_\_\_\_ I agree to comply with the Behavioral Standards for Adults in Ministry with Children or Youth as found starting page 28 and the Behavioral Standards for Ministry with Adults as found starting on page 42.

\_\_\_\_ In the event that I observe any inappropriate behaviors or possible policy violations with children, youth or vulnerable adults, I agree to immediately report my observations.

\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge my obligation and responsibility to protect children, youth and vulnerable adults and agree to report known or suspected abuse of children, youth or vulnerable adults to appropriate church leaders and state authorities in accordance with Whole & Healthy Church Policy.

\_\_\_\_ I understand that the church will not tolerate sexual, physical and/or personal abuse or exploitation of children, youth and adults, and I agree to comply in spirit and in action with this position.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** All clergy acknowledgement forms and forms for Diocese of California ministries will be kept on file in the Diocesan Office. Acknowledgement forms for local lay employees and volunteers will be kept on file by the entity engaging their services. These files are considered: Permanent. All Clergy MUST file this form with the Office of the Bishop as well.

**One copy for Permanent File**

**One copy for Church Personnel**