Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan

Certification of Compliance

for church leaders

Please fill out and return this form yearly, by March 1.

I certify that the following people in this parish have been certified in the **Safeguarding God’s Children**, **Safeguarding God’s People**, and **Elimination of Racism** programs in the Diocese of Western Michigan since 2007 in accordance with the polices of the Diocese.

*CANON 60: POLICIES OF THE DIOCESE*

*Section 60.01. POLICIES OF THE DIOCESE AND DISCIPLINE*

*The Convention of the Diocese may adopt policies that require periodic training or certification. The failure to abide by these policies and attend any required training or certification process shall subject a person or congregation to the sanctions and discipline as provided in these Canons and in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church.*

* All active clergy (rectors, associates, supply, deacons, etc.)
* All paid personnel whether employed in areas of ministry or other kinds of services by the diocese, its congregations, schools or other agencies
* All members of church leadership (including but not limited to members of the vestry, wardens, and those who serve on Diocesan committees)
* All members of congregations serving in licensed ministries

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Names of all to whom this applies (please use additional paper for more people)

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Certification of Compliance for those who work with children and youth

Please fill out and return this form yearly, by March 1.

I certify that all people who work with children or youth in this parish (be they paid or volunteer, full time, part time or temporarily) meet the following requirements for working with children and youth as stated in the Best Practice Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth in accordance with the polices of the Diocese.

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* Certified in Safeguarding God’s Children
* Have completed a standard application (which is kept in a securely confidential file)
  + Including reference check of persons outside the congregation and not related to the applicant
* Has been screened with the following background checks
  + Criminal records check
  + Sexual offender registry check
  + Driving or Motor Vehicle records check, if the person will be transporting children or youth
  + May include a financial background check, if the person will be handling money

Note: Criminal records checks and sexual offender registry checks to be conducted every 5 years

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