

Reporting Sexual Abuse or Misconduct

If someone suspects sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult, please call the authorities immediately.

TENNESSEE

Children and Youth

Call 877-237-0004 or visit the Tennessee Department of Children's Services website, <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/dcs/program-areas/child-safety/reporting/child-abuse.html>, to report abuse or neglect. Reports also can be made online at: <https://apps.tn.gov/carat/>

Vulnerable Adults

The duty to report abuse, neglect, sexual exploitation or financial exploitation may be found at TCA §39-15-509 and TCA §71-6-103. The exploitation, neglect, abuse of elderly or vulnerable adults are criminal offenses in Tennessee.

GEORGIA

Children and Youth

Calls are taken 24 hours a day by calling 1-855-422-4453. For further information as to Georgia law and procedures, visit <https://dfcs.georgia.gov> and <https://dfcs.georgia.gov/services/child-abuse-neglect>

Vulnerable Adults

Reporting of suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation is mandatory. See <https://aging.georgia.gov/report-elder-abuse/adult-protective-services-aps>. Reports may be made by phone call to 1-866-55AGING (1-866-552-4464) or online.

Diocesan Contacts

FOR REPORTING ISSUES WITHIN THE CHURCH:

The Ecclesial Authority is the Bishop.

Bishop Brian Cole
865-966-2110 (Diocesan House)
bcole@dioet.org

In the absence of the bishop, the ecclesial authority is the President of the Standing Committee. Please contact the Diocesan Office for their information.

FOR REPORTING CLERGY MISCONDUCT:

By phone call:

The Ven. Canon Jerry Askew
865-346-4004

By email:

The Ven. Canon Jerry Askew, Knoxville, TN
intakeofficer@dioet.org or intakeofficerknoxville@dioet.org

The Rev. L. Gordon Brewer, Kingsport, TN
intakeofficerkingsport@dioet.org

The Rev. Dr. William McGee, Hixson, TN
intakeofficerhixson@dioet.org

Ms. Laura Beasley, Athens, TN
intakeofficerathens@dioet.org

Please note: While the Intake Officers are noted by location, you may submit a complaint to any of the officers. General regional information is provided in the event that a meeting in person may be preferred. All Intake Officers are equally trained and equipped, and the Canon to the Ordinary coordinates and may assign officers depending upon case load or other factors.

BY WRITING:

Intake Officer (you may add a name from the above)
c/o The Diocese of East Tennessee
814 Episcopal School Way
Knoxville, TN 37932