



**Synod of the Diocese of the Central States
of the Reformed Episcopal Church
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF MINORS AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

In 2021 the Bishop Ordinary commissioned a committee with the task of advising him in matters regarding the protection of children and vulnerable persons and of creating and maintaining policies and resources for the Diocese.

The Committee comprises:

The Rev. Dcn. William Barto
Mr. Dan Bell, Chancellor
Dss. Michelle Caldwell
The Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton, Chair
The Rev. Josiah Jones
Mrs. Jacqueline Teachy

The first task of the Committee was to draft the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults. We labored in this effort for several months. The Committee is particularly grateful for the work of Deacon Bill Barto for his research, drafting skills, and patience throughout the editing process. Our document was accepted by the Ordinary in May 2022 and promulgated as the standard policy for all parishes and other ministries of the Diocese. The Policy can be found posted on the diocesan website in the Diocesan Customary.

The Committee stands ready at the pleasure of the Ordinary to continue to refine the Policy as it is put into practice and to offer guidance and resources to the Diocese as needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Dr. Paul C. Edgerton, Chair