**St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church**

**Policy on**

**Safe Church**

**Addendum on Alleged and Registered Sex Offenders and Persons Currently Facing Allegations of Criminal Sexual Offenses**

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PURPOSE

To add to our Safe Church Policy specific safeguards for members and children in the event our congregation includes registered sex offenders or those currently facing allegations of criminal sexual offenses.

POLICY

These safeguards apply at St. John’s, on St. John’s property, and at any event sponsored by, but away from, St. John’s.

1. The following safeguards apply to alleged sex offenders:
   1. They cannot have unsupervised contact with vulnerable adults or anyone under 18, other than their own family members.
   2. They will be accompanied outside of services by a sponsor (a willing member who has been so named by the Rector).
   3. They cannot have a St. John’s key or fob.
   4. They alone cannot reserve St. John’s facilities for any purpose.
   5. Their status will be disclosed by clergy to St. John’s staff, and to workers in the nursery, Godly Play, and Youth and Family programs as appropriate.
   6. Any additional bail conditions must also be followed at St. John’s.
   7. They must provide clergy with access to their pretrial release officers, so that clergy can discuss with them what church activities, if any, can be accessed.
   8. Once allegations are dismissed, these safeguards no longer apply.
2. The following safeguards apply to registered sex offenders:
   1. They cannot have unsupervised contact with vulnerable adults or anyone under 18, other than their own family members.
   2. They will be accompanied outside of services by a sponsor (a willing member who has been so named by the Rector).
   3. They cannot have a St. John’s key or fob.
   4. They cannot reserve St. John’s facilities for any purpose.
   5. St. John’s staff, and volunteers and workers in the nursery, Godly Play, and Youth and Family programs will be notified of any and all alleged sex offenders known to St. John’s clergy. Their status will be disclosed by clergy to other members if appropriate.
   6. They must provide clergy with access to their probation officers, so that clergy can discuss with them what church activities, if any, can be accessed.
   7. Any additional parole conditions must also be followed at St. John’s.
3. Any violation will result in banning the alleged or registered sex offender from St. John’s.
4. Newcomers and members will be informed of this policy and requested to inform clergy of pending allegations and convictions of sex offenses.

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