



## Diocese of Western North Carolina

### Clergy Standards of Conduct

The following are the Standards of Conduct for Clergy as named in Title IV, Canon 4:

#### **Clergy should:**

Maintain confidentiality

Safeguard property and funds of the church

Conform to the canons of The Episcopal Church and the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer

Abide by ordination vows

Obtain consent of the bishop before engaging in secular employment

Obtain consent of the bishop to be absent from the diocese for more than two years

#### **Clergy should not:**

Engage in sexual misconduct (includes sexual behavior with: a member of the congregation; employee; volunteer; person in high school; person under 18 years of age; person legally incompetent; someone with whom the clergy has ever had a pastoral relationship)

Hold or teach any doctrine contrary to that held by The Episcopal Church

Commit criminal acts

Engage in dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation

Habitually neglect public worship, Holy Communion

Engage in any conduct unbecoming a member of the clergy