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**Introducing the Episcopal Safety Program**

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce that the Diocese has partnered with The Church Insurance Company in providing your congregation with individualized Risk Management assistance.

Richard Ford has been appointed as our designated Diocesan Safety Manager to work with you in developing a value added safety program designed to help protect your congregation's people and property. The service is free of charge to you and is sponsored by our insurance carrier, Church Insurance Company of Vermont, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Church Pension Group.

The purpose of the program is to help our churches provide a safer environment for members of the church to worship. One of the principles behind the Episcopal Safety Program is that taking some basic steps can reduce the amount of risk that parishes face. In most instances, recommendations will focus on basic changes to improve or enhance safety such as moving fire extinguishers, securing a handrail or removing loose carpet.

Sometime soon, you will be contacted by Mr. Ford to arrange a time to meet and conduct a safety walkthrough of your church. If you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment right away, he can be reached at 516-385-0449.

By taking a proactive approach, we can work together to ensure that we maintain the highest standards of safety for people and property. Through such thoughtful stewardship, we hope to prevent injuries before they occur.

And, of course, should you have any questions about this service, please do not hesitate to contact me at the diocesan office.

Sincerely,

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