



## EPISCOPAL DIOCESE of Rhode Island

### LICENSING POLICY FOR NON-CANONICALLY RESIDENT CLERGY

In order to apply to the Bishop for *initial* licensing you must:

- Write a letter to Bishop Knisely requesting him to license you indicating what ministry you intend in the Diocese;
- Present a letter of good standing from your bishop;
- Present certification of Safe Church Training within the last three years;
- Meet with the Bishop if so requested.

The Bishop will initiate a Province One Clergy Background Screen as required for ministry in Province One and any other background screening required by the Diocese of Rhode Island. Contact Kristin Knudson-Groh in the Bishop's Office with questions about the screenings.

The license is issued annually in Advent. In order to renew your license, you must send a letter of request to the Bishop and fulfill any additional training requirements required of clergy in the Diocese.

To annually *renew* your license, you must:

- Write an annual report letter to the Bishop, and
- Meet the same screening and background requirements as all canonical clergy, and
- Complete training as required of all Diocesan clergy.

If you have questions, please contact The Rev. Canon Dr. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew, Canon to the Ordinary at [dena@episcopalri.org](mailto:dena@episcopalri.org).