



## THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

July 29, 2025

The Diocese of Virginia has been made aware that Mr. Keith Pinkard, a former chaperone on North Fairfax Region youth mission trips and a former parishioner at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Herndon, has pleaded guilty to attempting to meet a minor for sex, according to a July 1, 2025 [release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia](#). Mr. Pinkard served as a volunteer on week-long mission trips in Dungannon, VA (2003–2015) and St. Paul, VA (2016–2018). At this time, there have been no reported allegations related to Mr. Pinkard's participation in these mission trips.

These mission trips were part of a shared ministry in the North Fairfax Region, with participation from the following churches:

Church of the Holy Comforter (Vienna)  
Church of the Holy Cross (Dunn Loring)  
St. Anne's Episcopal Church (Reston)  
St. Francis Episcopal Church (Great Falls)  
St. Thomas's Episcopal Church (McLean)  
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (Herndon)

We are actively in communication with leadership at the involved congregations and stand ready to respond should any concerns or reports arise. Incidents can be reported directly to the diocese by completing and emailing this [form](#) to the [Rev. Canon d'Rue Hazel](#), Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of Virginia, and [Gloria Parham](#), Administrative Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary.

We hold in prayer all those impacted by this news—especially survivors of abuse and all who carry the weight of harm. The Diocese remains committed to safe and sacred spaces for all people, and we encourage anyone with relevant information or concerns to contact your clergy, diocesan leadership, or local authorities.



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