



The Gulf Atlantic Diocese

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Dear Resurrection Shalimar Community,

As a result of Frank Gough's arrest and the charges of child sexual abuse material possession against him, Bishop Alex has inhibited (suspended) him from ministry. The church's vestry has terminated his role as pastor and ended his employment. The policies of our Diocese require a full inquiry into any accusation of this kind, and additional actions are underway as a result of this inquiry as well as the ongoing investigation by local law enforcement.

The first priority of the Diocese is the safety, well-being, and healing of our church family and the wider community. We recognize that this news was likely distressing and deeply unsettling. If you had any inappropriate interaction with Gough, know of anybody else who has, or are aware of any concerning behavior, we strongly encourage you to consider the options listed below. We are committed to full transparency and accountability, and your voice matters.

We have partnered with Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, and we are working closely with professionals trained in trauma care and safeguarding to complete our own inquiry. If you would like to speak with someone—whether to share information or to seek support—please know that you are not alone. You can reach out confidentially to safeguarding@gulfatlanticdiocese.org, or share your story by filling out this [form](#) or by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this letter. If you would like to speak directly to local law enforcement, please call the Sheriff's office at 850-651-7410.

As a Diocese, we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing a safe and nurturing environment for all. We invite you to join us in prayer and action as we seek healing, justice, and protection for those affected.

Do not hesitate to reach out with any concerns or needs. To discover the truth, we will need to speak with families who were a part of the Resurrection community in the past. Please forward this information to them, or you may forward their names to us through the above email address. We are here to listen, to support, and to walk this difficult road together as a community of faith.

With care and commitment,

The Ven. Dr. Jessica Jones
Archdeacon, Gulf Atlantic Diocese

The Rev. Dcn. Leah Slawson
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