

Volunteer Requirements:

The State of Pennsylvania now has very strict background check requirements, all to be updated every five (5) years, for any and all volunteers who have contact with children. For our parish, this requirement will extend to all clergy, staff, vestry members, acolyte mentor, usher, chairperson, Children's Chapel volunteers, Sunday School Teachers, Family Promise Volunteers, and those involved in special children's programming. The checks involved include:

1. Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check:
<https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>
2. The Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance:
<http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis>
3. Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Check
<https://www.identogo.com/> Fingerprinting is applicable to employees who have not lived in PA past 10 years; volunteers who have not lived in PA 10 years, may submit an affidavit.
4. Pennsylvania Mandated Reported Training (Act 31) <https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/>
5. Completion of Safe Church Online Training. Contact Emma DiPace in the church office for login details— (610) 444-4624 or emma@adventks.org **Renewed Every three (3) years**

Church of the Advent is willing to reimburse anyone who completes these clearances upon request. It is too important to follow Pennsylvania Law and keep our children safe.

Those needing clearances/training according to the Safe-Church Policy of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania:

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| -Clergy | -Greeters for 9:00 Service |
| -Church Employees | -Lay Visitors |
| -Vestry | -Eucharistic Visitors |
| -Treasurer | -Acolyte Mentor |
| -Sunday School Teachers | -Transportation volunteers |
| -Children's Chapel Volunteers | -Altar Guild Director |
| -Youth Volunteers | -Building Hosts |
| -Usher Chairperson | -Family Promise Volunteers |
| -Ushers for 9:00 Service | -Good Neighbors Volunteers |