



July 17, 2024

Dear TFCA Family,

It has been three months since the release of the special investigation report. Your Vestry has been grieved by the report's findings, and we are committed to doing whatever we can to honor Christ in our response. We are writing to update you on several related topics and intend to do so quarterly.

An addendum to the report is expected in August. In keeping with our commitment to be as transparent as possible, it will be made public in the same manner as the initial report. If you or others you know have new information, we encourage you to contact the FBI at <http://tips.fbi.gov/home> and the investigator Eddie Isler at confidentialFCA@islerdare.com.

Our current and former rectors have each publicly acknowledged their mistakes and sought forgiveness both in person and in writing. Private conversations are ongoing and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, can provide an important step toward healing. The large group gatherings we hosted received mixed reviews.

Our child and youth protections policies are undergoing a thorough review by a working group of key staff and lay leaders. To increase awareness and accountability, parents and students will be notified of the policies at the beginning of each school year. Our church governance policies are also under review with an eye toward maximizing communication between the Executive Committee and the Vestry.

A Care Team co-led by Pastor Isaiah Brooms and Vestry member Scott Thompson and advised by Rich Dean and Gail Thompson is working to support those who have been hurt, whether directly or indirectly, by Jeff Taylor. The Care Team also includes former Cornerstone students, clergy, professional counselors, and healing prayer ministers. To reach the Care Team, please email Kelley at karllen@tfcanglican.org.

Financial assistance for professional counseling for survivors and close family members continues to be available through the benevolence fund. If you or someone you know are in need of counseling, we encourage you to email Rebekah at rbeach@tfcanglican.org.

Trauma-informed therapists Drs. Diane Langberg and Phil Monroe will lead an in-person training for the TFCA staff and clergy in September. Our website has Sam's sermons on abuse along with a host of related communications, including a video from Dr. Monroe.

The Special Committee continues to receive inquiries and is committed to answering each one as thoughtfully and openly as it can. If you have questions or concerns, please send them to specialcommittee@tfcanglican.org. Of course, you are also welcome to email us at wardens@tfcanglican.org.

In all this, we invite you to join us in continuing to pray for all who have been impacted by any





sort of abuse. We are asking the Holy Spirit for healing and protection. Perhaps you will find these timeless words from the *Book of Common Prayer* as encouraging as we did:

Gracious Father, we pray for the holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. Amen.

We are grateful to be part of The Falls Church Anglican with all of you.

In Christ,

Kristen Short
Senior Warden

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