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Under "Process following elevated concern or abuse report"

- When a report/concern is raised whether in writing or verbally-whether brought from the congregation, clergy, clergy partner, or from a law enforcement agency-a District Superintendent MUST follow up.
 - ~~If the report/concern raises from the congregation, a~~ The district superintendent (DS) ~~will~~ shall follow up with the clergy and partner separately and in a manner that is safest for all parties involved.
 - If the DS feels there is imminent danger, they will immediately contact the authorities.
 - The DS ~~is free to~~ shall consult with the Bishop, ~~the appointive cabinet, and any resource that might be able to offer the best care to the clergy and partner.~~
 - After consultation with the Bishop the DS may consult with the appointive cabinet and shall consult with any resource that might be able to offer the best care to the clergy and partner.
 - The DS has the discretion to ask another DS to follow up if ~~they~~ he/she perceives it would be best for the clergy partner due to prior relationship or conflict of interest.
 - In consultation with the Bishop ~~Both~~ both the clergy and the clergy partner are encouraged to seek another DS if they are concerned about care, follow-up, or perceived bias.