



## **WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION POLICY (1.21.2019)**

Aldersgate Renewal Ministries (ARM) requires directors, officers and employees to observe high standards of business and personal ethics in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities. As employees and representatives of ARM, we must practice honesty and integrity in fulfilling our responsibilities and comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

### **REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY**

This Whistleblower Policy is intended to encourage and enable employees and others to raise serious concerns internally so that ARM can address and correct inappropriate conduct and actions. It is the responsibility of all board members, officers, employees and volunteers to report concerns about violations of or suspected violations of law or regulations that govern ARM's operations.

### **NO RETALIATION**

It is contrary to the values of ARM for anyone to retaliate against any board member, officer, employee or volunteer who in good faith reports an ethics violation, or a suspected violation of law, such as a complaint of discrimination, or suspected fraud, or suspected violation of any regulation governing the operations of ARM. An employee who retaliates against someone who has reported a violation in good faith is subject to discipline up to and including termination of employment.

### **REPORTING PROCEDURE**

ARM has an open-door policy and suggests that employees share their questions, concerns, suggestions or complaints with their supervisor. If you are not comfortable speaking with your supervisor or you are not satisfied with your supervisor's response, you are encouraged to speak with the President of the Board of Directors or any Board of Directors Officer. Supervisors and managers are required to report complaints or concerns about suspected ethical and legal violations in writing to the ARM's Executive Director, who has the responsibility to investigate all reported complaints. Employees with concerns or complaints may also submit their concerns in writing directly to ARM's President of the Board of Directors.

### **COMPLIANCE OFFICER: ARM'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

ARM's Executive Director is responsible for ensuring that all complaints about unethical or illegal conduct are investigated and resolved. The Executive Director will advise the ARM President of the Board of Directors and/or the Board of Directors of all complaints and their resolution and will report annually to the ARM Treasurer/Chair of the Finance Committee/Audit Committee on compliance activity relating to accounting or alleged financial improprieties.



### **ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING MATTERS**

ARM's Executive Director shall immediately notify the Audit Committee/Finance Committee of any concerns or complaints regarding corporate accounting practices, internal controls or auditing, and work with the committee until the matter is resolved.

### **ACTING IN GOOD FAITH**

Anyone filing a written complaint concerning a violation or suspected violation must be acting in good faith and have reasonable grounds for believing the information disclosed indicates a violation. Any allegations that prove not to be substantiated and which prove to have been made maliciously or knowingly to be false will be viewed as a serious disciplinary offense.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Violations or suspected violations may be submitted on a confidential basis by the complainant. Reports of violations or suspected violations will be kept confidential to the extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate investigation.

### **HANDLING OF REPORTED VIOLATIONS**

ARM's President of the Board of Directors will notify the person who submitted a complaint and acknowledge receipt of the reported violation or suspected violation. All reports will be promptly investigated, and appropriate corrective action will be taken if warranted by the investigation.

### **COMPLIANCE OFFICER:**

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