

MINUTES

White & Dykman Subcommittee Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons Video Conference

August 18, 2015

PRESENT: Diane Sammons (Chair), Joan Geiszler-Ludlum (Secretary), Bill Cathcart, Larry Hitt, Steve Hutchinson, Tom Little.

EXCUSED: Dorsey Henderson, Sally Johnson, Mark Duffy (Archivist)

Diane Sammons called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm. The agenda was reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of July 21, 2015 were held over until the next meeting.

Commentary 2009: Steve Hutchinson has further developed his sixth draft outline and sought further guidance from the subcommittee on his approach and the depth of the outline. He is considering adding an updated chart comparing the 1994 version with the 2009 version of Title IV along with a revised flow chart. One suggestion is to elevate the commentary with more detail with particular focus on the theological reflection document prepared by Pamela Cooper-White. Another suggestion is to elaborate on the findings from the survey of bishops and COSE which were the impetus for undertaking a full rewrite. This information clarifies to what the Church was responding. Addressing the interim changes to the 1994 version in 2000, 2003 and 2006 separately from the commentary on the development of the new approach to Title IV culminating with the adoption in 2009 was also suggested. Everyone was asked to send their suggestions, edits and comments to Steve by September 1 so that Steve will have time to develop a draft in time for the meeting in New Orleans.

Case Law: Bill is following up on securing additional cases for review. Mark may have some additional cases. Diane will schedule a conference call with Mark, perhaps next week.

Diane has scanned and posted an inventory of the documents she received from Frank Helminski. The majority are books or pamphlets authored by priests or bishops who were under discipline, giving their side of the story as to why the trial was unfair or improper. The subcommittee agreed further analysis of this work is beyond the scope and charge, although the books and pamphlets may be of interest to Archives. Diane will follow up with Frank and Mark.

Diane will assign the opinions that Frank obtained from Archives to the Case Law group for summary.

Previously completed annotations: Contact with Bob Royce to obtain his completed work for publication will be discussed with Mark.

Future Annotation Process: the outline that Diane prepared has been thoroughly edited. Hearing no objections, the outline is approved.

Next meetings:

1. October 25-25, New Orleans: Diane has been working on the arrangements with Brian Murray of the General Convention Office. GCO will cover Saturday hotel stay for those who are staying over from the Province IV Bishops and Chancellors Conference. Diane will verify which hotel with Brian. The call to meeting will go out next week. Diane will also check whether the hotel contract includes dinner. Eating dinner out seems appropriate in New Orleans. Diane will prepare a draft agenda for review during the next teleconference.
2. September 22 at 4:00 pm: next teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan C. Geiszler-Ludlum
Secretary