

MEMBERS OF THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD FOR BISHOPS

Term of office: 6 years

Number to be elected: 5 bishops elected by the House of Bishops, 2 clergy (deacon or priest) and 2 lay persons elected by the House of Deputies

Position Description: The Disciplinary Board for Bishops is a court of the Church to have original jurisdiction over matters of discipline of Bishops, to hear Bishops' appeals from the imposition of restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative Leave and to determine venue issues as provided in Canon IV. 19.5. (This description is taken from Canon IV.17.3.)

Qualities nominees should have: Members of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops should be well-versed in the Canons; understand the goals and processes of Title IV; embrace a process that includes reconciliation as well as justice; and be able to articulate that goal in a way that does not deny or diminish the hurt of those who are feeling wronged. Compassion, dedication to finding solutions/resolutions that uphold the Canons in a manner that serves the overarching goal of reconciliation, and clarity about acceptable/unacceptable behavior are all essential qualities for Board members. Analytical thinking and the ability to balance the letter and spirit of the law are equally essential. It is vital that incumbents have computer literacy and Internet access. Candidates need the ability to keep information confidential and understand that it can be shared only within the guidelines of the Title IV process.

Duties of this office:

Number of meetings: One two-day face-to-face meeting at the beginning of the triennium. All other work via conference calls

Committees: The Reference Panel is staffed by the Intake Officer, the President of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops, and the Presiding Bishop; this Panel handles the majority of the work. Members of the DBB may be appointed to the Conference Panel or the Hearing Panel

Meeting expenses: Paid

Travel expenses: Paid

Other information: The DBB's work includes significant paperwork that must be digested/processed

Summary of time expectations:

Regular meetings: One in-person meeting early in the triennium
conference calls

Individual work: Paperwork associated with the Board's work