

DISCIPLINARY BOARD FOR BISHOPS

Membership

The Rt. Rev. Catherine M. Waynick, <i>president</i>	Indianapolis, V	2021
The Hon. A. Joseph Alarid	Rio Grande, VII	2018
The Rev. Canon Carol Cole Flanagan	Washington, III	2018
The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas	Connecticut, I	2018
Mr. William Fleener, Jr.	Western Michigan, V	2018
The Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison	Texas, VII	2018
The Rt. Rev. Dorsey F. Henderson, Jr.	Florida, IV	2021
The Rev. Canon Suzann V. Holding	San Diego, VIII	2021
The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith IV	Southern Virginia, III	2018
The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely SOSc	Rhode Island, I	2021
The Rev. Erik Larsen	Rhode Island, I	2021
The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Mayer	Northwest Texas, VII	2018
The Rt. Rev. Robert J. O'Neill	Colorado, VI	2021
The Rev. Dr. Angela F. Shepherd	Maryland, III	2018
The Rt. Rev. Prince G. Singh	Rochester, II	2018
Mr. Marcellus L. Smith, Jr.	Alabama, IV	2021
Ms. Deborah J. Stokes	Southern Ohio, V	2021
The Rev. Peggy Tuttle	Minnesota, VI	2018

Reference Panel:

The Rt. Rev. F. Clayton Matthews, *intake officer*
The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, *intake officer*
The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, *presiding bishop*
The Rt. Rev. Catherine M. Waynick

General legal counsel has been provided by David Beers and Mary Kostel.

CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP

With the resignation of Bishop Clay Matthews as of June 30, 2017, the former Intake Officer, his successor in the Office of Pastoral Development, Bishop Todd Ousley, has taken on the responsibilities of Intake Officer and will serve on our Reference Panel along with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Bishop Cate Waynick.

Mandate

The purpose and goal of Title IV is to help clergy and members “resolve disputes in ways that promote healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life, and reconciliation among all involved or affected.” (IV. 1) Often this process is aided by maintaining confidentiality, therefore the Disciplinary Board for Bishops does not keep written records of its proceedings unless and until a case reaches the point of being assigned to a Hearing Panel. The proceedings of a Hearing Panel are extensive and public, and are included in the archives of The Episcopal Church.

Summary of Work

During the triennium beginning in 2015 the Disciplinary Board met in conference calls.

November 23, 2015 we convened and re-elected the Rt. Rev. Catherine Waynick president. We also agreed at that time to arrange a conference call training session for all members concerning the work of Conference Panels.

January 11, 2016, we held a conference call training on the work of Conference Panels.

In the spring of 2016 (exact date eludes me) we voted to fill a vacancy on the Board with Bishop Michael Smith of North Dakota.

In June of 2016 it became necessary for me to appoint two Hearing Panels, one to consider complaints against the Rt. Rev. Zache Duracin of Haiti, and another to consider complaints against the Rt. Rev. J. Jon Bruno of Los Angeles.

Haiti: The Rt. Rev. Rob O’Neill
The Rt. Rev. Prince Singh
The Rt. Rev. Dorsey Henderson
The Rev. Peggy Tuttle
Mr. Mark Smith

The Church Attorney for this case was Ms. Josephine Hicks. (Rev. Peggy Tuttle needed to resign her place on this panel for reasons of health, and was replaced by the Rev. Dr. Angela Shepherd. Rev. Tuttle has since recovered and continues her membership on the Board.)

Los Angeles: The Rt. Rev. Holly Hollerith
The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely
The Rt. Rev. Michael Smith
Ms. Deborah Stokes

The Church Attorney for this case was Bradford Davenport, and due to the volume of paperwork I appointed a documents manager to help coordinate their work.

The Haiti case was settled by agreement (Accord) with the Presiding Bishop. The records of that agreement were distributed according to the requirements of the canons and are enshrined in the archives of The Episcopal Church.

The Los Angeles case proceeded to a formal Hearing. Following the Hearing, and during the time of deliberation, the Panel found it necessary to pronounce a Sanction against Bishop Bruno. That Sanction was appealed, and I therefore convened the Board, according to the canons, to rule on that appeal.

We met by conference call on July 5, 2017, to deliberate. The Board (minus members of the Hearing Panel) was unanimous in dismissing the appeal – upholding the Sanctions.

The Hearing Panel has issued an Order, but as of this writing the time has not come for the President of the Board to pronounce it as a Sentence, and the filing of an appeal is still possible. Gentle readers of these minutes must watch official communications for further news of this case, which will, eventually, be enshrinedEtc.

Respectfully submitted,

+Catherine M. Waynick
President, Disciplinary Board for Bishops