

# 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 & competencies 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 desired that nominees are well versed in the practices of transparency, accountability, collegiality, and conflict resolution. It is vital that nominees have computer literacy and Internet access. Nominees 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. At the beginning of each Triennium, a virtual training session or sessions will be held to orient new members and refresh continuing members. 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