Member of the Court of Review

Canonical Mandates: Title IV, Canons 2, 15, 17-19; Title III, Canon 11.

Description & Responsibilities: The Court of Review is the Church court which hears appeals from diocesan disciplinary boards in matters of clergy discipline under Title IV, determines issues of venue, and reports on objections to the election of a bishop under Title III. When cases arise, members of the Court will review legal briefs from all parties, attend oral arguments, and then deliberate together and prepare the Court's written decision.

Term: 6 years

Number to be elected: 3 lay persons and 1 alternate, 3 clergy including at least 1 priest and 1 deacon and 1 alternate, and 1 bishop and 1 alternate

Time commitment: 1 two-day in-person meeting at the beginning of the triennium and successive virtual meetings as needed based on caseload. All Court members must participate in all facets of the review process.

Needed competencies & charisms: A well-versed understanding of the Constitution and Canons of this church, and particularly the goals and processes of Title IV; an ability to balance the letter and spirit of the Canons with a focus on finding solutions that honor the canons while serving the twin goals of reconciliation and justice; confidentiality, collegiality, and conflict resolution skills; experience on diocesan disciplinary boards with an understanding that the Court of Review is primarily an appellate court.