

**THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF A BISHOP**

**The Protestant Episcopal Church
in the United States of America,**

Complainant,

v.

The Right Reverend Charles E. Bennison, Jr.,

Respondent.

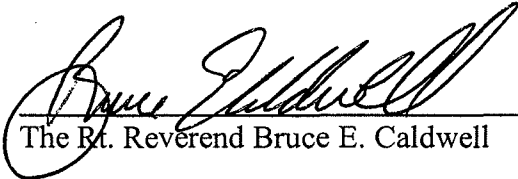
**FINAL JUDGMENT
AND SENTENCE**

Having found the Respondent committed two (2) Offenses of Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy, having adjudged a Sentence of Deposition, having denied the Respondent's Motion for Modification of the Sentence, and having decided by a unanimous vote of the members of the Court to affirm the Sentence of Deposition, the Court hereby enters the following Final Judgment and Sentence:

1. **FIRST OFFENSE OF THE PRESENTMENT.** The Respondent committed the Offense under Title IV.1.1(j), Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy;
2. **SECOND OFFENSE OF THE PRESENTMENT.** The Respondent committed the Offense under Title IV.1.1(j), Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy.
3. The Court adjudges and imposes the Sentence of Deposition.

The Court notes that it was guided in its deliberations not only by the Canons, and legal principles, but by our common and private prayer and our understanding of the demands of the Gospel. The Court affirms that the Church at every level must ensure safety for all of its

members and those whom it serves. That is the guarantee of the Church's integrity as a community of love and trust. The Court also notes that withdrawing the responsibilities and authorities conveyed in Holy Orders does not alter the Church's deep and abiding compassion and concern for the Respondent. To the contrary, we pray Almighty God that this Final Judgment and Sentence will allow him to renew the covenant of his baptism and to seek the reconciliation and peace which are precious gifts of life in Christ's love.


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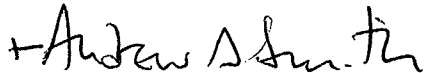
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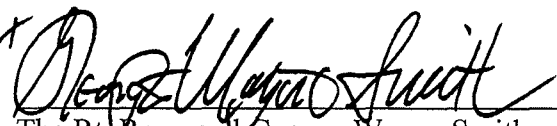
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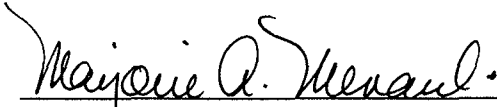
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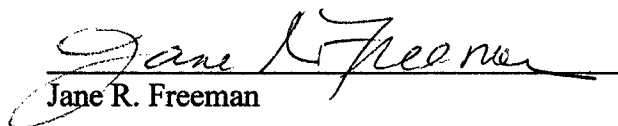
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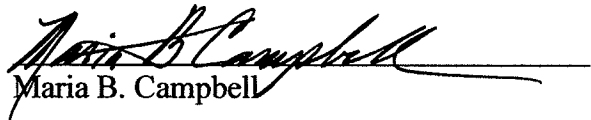
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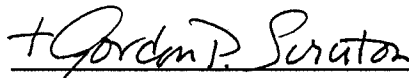
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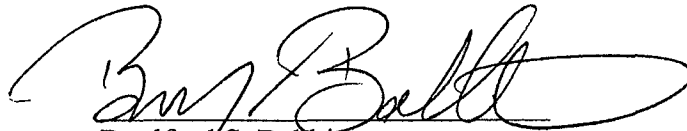
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The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Final Judgment and Sentence, bearing the original signature of each member of the Court, was entered by the Court in this matter on this 2nd day of February, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. S. Babbitt', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Bradford S. Babbitt
Clerk of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop