

ECCLESIASTICAL TRIAL COURT
OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the
United States of America

vs.

February ____, 1999

The Right Reverend Charles I. Jones, III

PRESENTMENT

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Comes now The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America (the "Church") and, pursuant to Title IV of its Constitution and Canons, brings forth the following charges of Immorality (Title IV, Canon 1.1(b)) and Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy (Title IV, Canon 1.1(j)) against the Right Reverend Charles I. Jones, III ("Bishop Jones" or the "Bishop"), to be tried in the Ecclesiastical Trial Court of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

1. On or about January 10, 1998, the Rt. Rev'd Frank T. Griswold, Presiding Bishop, received from Ms. [REDACTED] D [REDACTED] of Trenton, Kentucky, a sworn statement containing allegations of Offenses against the Rt. Rev'd Charles I. Jones, III, Bishop of Montana (the "Charge"). The alleged acts of which Ms. D [REDACTED] complains allegedly occurred prior to Bishop Jones' election to the episcopate, and while the then Reverend Jones was pastor at Trinity Episcopal Church in Russellville, Kentucky.

2. By memorandum dated April 20, 1998, Presiding Bishop Griswold informed the Review Committee as to the nature of the alleged Offenses and enclosed for the Review Committee a copy of Ms. D [REDACTED]'s Charge.

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III. OFFENSES

COUNT 1

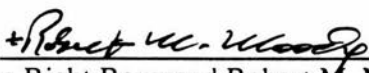
29. Paragraphs 6 through 26 are incorporated as if specifically set forth herein.
30. The foregoing conduct of Bishop Jones constitutes acts of sexual exploitation. Title IV, Canon 14.4(a)(3).
31. The foregoing conduct of Bishop Jones constitutes the Offense of Immorality in contravention of Title IV, Canon 1.1(b).

COUNT 2

32. Paragraphs 6 through 26 are incorporated as if specifically set forth herein.
33. The foregoing conduct of Bishop Jones constitutes acts of sexual exploitation. Title IV, Canon 14.4(a)(3).
34. The foregoing conduct of Bishop Jones constitutes the Offense of Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy in contravention of Title IV, Canon 1.1(j).

Wherefore, premises considered, The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America respectfully requests that the Ecclesiastical Trial Court enter judgment in favor of the Church and against Bishop Jones and impose a Sentence accordingly.

Respectfully submitted by
The Protestant Episcopal Church in the
United States of America

By 
The Right Reverend Robert M. Moody
President, Title IV Review Committee