

STANDING COMMISSION ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

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The Rev. Canon George W. Brandt Jr., <i>Chair</i>	New York, 2003
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The Rev. Gregory A. Jacobs	Ohio, 2006
The Rev. Stan Runnels	Mississippi, 2006
The Rt. Rev. Stacy Fred Sauls	Lexington, 2006
The Rt. Rev. Catherine M. Waynick	Indianapolis, 2003
Ms. D. Rebecca Snow	Alaska, 2003 Member as well as <i>Executive Council liaison</i>

The Right Rev. Charles E. Jenkins (Louisiana) was appointed to a six year term in 2000 but resigned from the Commission in February 2002 and took no part in any subsequent deliberations of the SCCC.

COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES AT GENERAL CONVENTION

Bishop Stacy Fred Sauls and Deputy Duncan A. Bayne are authorized to receive non-substantive amendments to this report.

SUMMARY OF THE COMMISSION'S WORK

The Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons ("the Commission" or "SCCC") met in Atlanta, Georgia in February 2001, Bethesda, Maryland in February, 2002, and in Chicago, Illinois in September and December 2002. It also met in two conference calls. At its organizational meeting the Commission elected the Rev. Canon George W. Brandt Jr. as its Chair and Paul E. Cooney as its Secretary. At its initial meeting and in subsequent meetings the Commission received comment and took action as reflected in this report.

Revisions to Title III Pursuant to Resolution A073 of the 73rd General Convention

The 73rd General Convention, sitting in Denver in 2000, adopted **Resolution A073**, as follows: *Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, that in implementation of the priority of the Episcopal Church to make disciples and apostles at all levels of the Church, the Standing Commission on Ministry Development be requested, in consultation with the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, to undertake a full review of the Title III Canons, said review to be informed by the report entitled, "Toward a Theology of Ministry," as well as other reports and papers on the subject of the theology of Ministry; and be it further *Resolved*, that the Standing Commission on Ministry Development prepare and present to the 74th General Convention any proposed revisions to the Title III Canons.....

In furtherance of its charge under this resolution, SCCC appointed four of its members to work throughout the triennium with SCMD in its preparation of proposed changes to Title III. These were the Right Reverend Stacy Fred Sauls, Ms. Rosalie Simmonds Ballentine, Mr. William Fleener and Ms. D. Rebecca Snow, all of whom spent time with SCMD during its meetings, or in reviewing material outside of meetings. In addition, the entire SCCC devoted the bulk of its meeting in December, 2002 in Chicago to reviewing the package of changes the SCMD advised it was going to propose, and suggesting editorial corrections to assist internal consistency and with other Canons. The Commission's suggested revisions were presented to SCMD, which met to review those revisions and finalize its own report to the General Convention after SCCC's last meeting. Therefore, the final proposal of SCMD has not been reviewed or approved by SCCC.

Study of Disciplinary Canons

The 73rd General Convention, in response to comments from SCCC from the prior triennium and other commentary, adopted ***Resolution A028***, as follows:

Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring, That the General Convention establish, pursuant to Joint Rule 23, a Task Force of not less than 6 or more than 12 persons, of whom one-half shall be appointed by the Standing Commission on Ministry Development and one-half shall be appointed by the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons; and, that in light of the Church's theology and the Church's experience, the Task Force: (1) assess the present models of church discipline, as reflected both in the policies and procedures addressing allegations of clergy misconduct and in Title IV of the national canons of the Episcopal Church; (2) study and explore other models for addressing misconduct, such as the disciplinary models used by physicians, professors, lawyers and other professionals; and (3) at or before the 74th General Convention, deliver a report of its findings and recommendations to the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, The Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons, and the Committee on Sexual Exploitation, and the 74th General Convention: and (4) at or before the 75th General Convention, deliver its final report of such findings and recommendations to the same bodies;....

At its initial meeting in February, 2001, the Commission appointed the Right Reverend Catherine M. Waynick, Duncan A. Bayne and Steven Hutchinson to represent SCCC on the Task Force. The Rev. Canon George Brandt, Jr. subsequently also joined the Task Force on behalf of SCCC. The Commission further agreed that in addition to appointments to be made by the Standing Commission on Ministry Development, several appointments should be allocated to be made by the Committee on Sexual Exploitation. The Task Force has met on several occasions and offers a report in this Blue Book .

On the subject of Title IV, it has been noted by SCCC that a number of Dioceses have failed to conform their diocesan canons to the requirements of Title IV. The Commission is concerned about the risk non-conforming dioceses pose to the rights of both complainants and accused, points out that it is a requirement of the canons that each diocese be in conformity with Title IV, and urges each diocese to make necessary amendments at the earliest possible moment.

The Commission also received a number of comments regarding the absence of recommended forms and procedures for application of Title IV in a consistent fashion, and is exploring with others the potential for generating a procedures manual to assist those who participate in Title IV proceedings on an infrequent basis. Regardless, SCCC urges each diocese to educate all responsible parties on the procedures to be followed.

Finally, concern has been raised over the absence of any compilations of prior opinions issued under Title IV, and of the desire for some office in which to record and retrieve such opinions for the guidance of others attempting to apply Title IV principles, or to learn from their prior application to others.

Update Concerning Preparation of Supplement to White & Dykman

The Commission has expressed concerns over several triennia about the need for a comprehensive supplement to the 1981 edition of the *Annotated Constitution and Canons for the Government of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America*, otherwise known as the *Episcopal Church*, commonly referred to as "White and Dykman." Major canonical and constitutional changes have occurred in 1994, 1997, and 2000, none of which are reflected in White and Dykman. The Commission has been advised that the drafting of the Supplement is nearing completion, and publication may occur as funding is identified.

Compliance with Canon 1.2.2.(n)(2)

The Commission continues to refrain from judicial interpretation of the body of church law in accordance with the limitations expressed in its authority and duties assigned by Canon 1.2.2.(n)(2).

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution A039 Amend Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution, First Reading

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the second sentence of Article II, Section 2 of the
2 Constitution be amended to read as follows:
3 Section 2.But if the election shall have taken place within ~~three months next~~ 120 days before the
4 meeting of General Convention, the consent of the House of Deputies shall be required in place of that of a
5 majority of the Standing Committees.

EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment picks up a time limit changed in most other applicable places in 1997. The Church's experience is that it often takes more than three months to obtain all the required consents to the election of a Bishop.

Resolution A40 Amend Canon I.1.2(n)

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I.1.2(n) be amended by adding this subsection:
2 (6) A Standing Commission on **Liturgy and Music** consisting of 16 members (4 Bishops, 4 Priests and/or
3 Deacons and 8 Lay Persons). In addition, the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer shall be a member
4 *ex officio* with voice, but without vote. The Standing Commission shall:
5 (i) Discharge such duties as shall be assigned to it by the General Convention as to policies and
6 strategies concerning the common worship of this Church.
7 (ii) Collect, collate and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of The Book of
8 Common Prayer.
9 (iii) Cause to be prepared and to present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the
10 Lectionary, Psalter, and offices for special occasions as authorized or directed by the General
11 Convention or House of Bishops.
12 (iv) Recommend to the General Convention authorized translations of the Holy Scripture from which the
13 Lessons prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer are to be read.
14 (v) Receive and evaluate requests for consideration of individuals or groups to be included in the
15 Calendar of the Church year and make recommendations thereon to the General Convention for
16 acceptance or rejection.
17 (vi) Collect, collate and catalogue material bearing upon possible future revisions of The Hymnal 1982
18 and other musical publications regularly in use in this Church and encourage the composition of new
19 musical materials.
20 (vii) Cause to be prepared and present to the General Convention recommendations concerning the
21 musical settings of liturgical texts and rubrics, and norms as to liturgical music and the manner of its
22 rendition.
23 (viii) At the direction of General Convention, serve the Church in matters pertaining to policies and
24 strategies concerning Church music.

EXPLANATION

The 72nd General Convention, convened in Philadelphia, July, 1997, adopted a revised structure for many of the Church's Standing Commissions, including the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music. The legislation was adopted by the House of Deputies with the title of "Standing Commission on Common Worship," but the title was amended in the House of Bishops to "Liturgy and Music". This amendment was not placed on the calendar of the House of Deputies for concurrence in the amendment. This matter was never challenged but was discovered during the revision process for the 2000 edition of Constitution & Canons. See also, "Editors Note", page 18, Constitution & Canons 2000.

Resolution A041 Ratify Actions of Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That all actions taken by and in the name of the Standing
2 Commission on Liturgy and Music since the adjournment sine die of the 72nd General Convention, be and
3 the same hereby are ratified in all respects.

Resolution A042 Amend Canon I.1.9

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I.1.9 be amended as follows:

2 Sec.9. The Treasurer of the General Convention shall have authority to borrow, in behalf and in the name
3 of the General Convention, such a sum as may be judged by the Treasurer to be necessary to help defray
4 the expense of the General Convention, with the approval of the Presiding Bishop and the Executive
5 Council.

EXPLANATION

This resolution amends a 1994 Canon (Canon 1.1.9) which begins with the phrase "The Treasurer of the General Convention." The words "of the General Convention" were omitted, however, from the original text when it was printed in both the Blue Book and the Journal. The phrase should have been printed with an overstrike in the original and final text of the Journal if the General Convention's intention was to delete the phrase. The phrase was not included in the Constitution & Canons 1997, page 23. As there is more than one Treasurer referenced in the Canons, it is useful to maintain the qualifier as to which Treasurer was being granted the authority to borrow.

SCCC NOTE: Certain proposed canonical changes were referred in draft form by the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development to SCCC for review at its December, 2002, meeting. The following resolution is the product of that review by SCCC. It is being printed here in the SCCC report as an accommodation to the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development (SCSD). Any comments or inquiries regarding the substance of these proposed changes should be directed to the SCSD.

Resolution A043 Amend Canon I.6.1

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I.6.1 be amended to read as follows:

2 Sec. 1. A report of every Parish and other Congregation of this Church shall be prepared annually for the
3 year ending December 31 preceding, in the form authorized by the Executive Council and approved by the
4 Committee on the State of the Church, and shall be filed not later than March 1 with the Bishop of the
5 Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, with the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese. The Bishop or the
6 ecclesiastical authority, as the case may be, shall keep a copy and submit the report to the Executive
7 Council not later than May 1. In every Parish or other Congregation the preparation and filing of this
8 report shall be the joint duty of the Rector ~~and Vestry; and in every other Congregation~~ the duty of the
9 Member of the Clergy in charge thereof and the lay leadership. Before the filing thereof the report shall be
10 approved by the Vestry or bishop's committee or mission council. This report shall include the following
11 information:

12 (1) (unchanged) and (2) (unchanged)

13 (3) such other relevant information as is needed to secure an accurate view of the state of this Church, as
14 required by the approved form, including: the average Sunday attendance, total plate and pledge income,
15 total plate and pledge income divided by average Sunday attendance, total operating revenues, operating
16 revenues divided by average Sunday attendance, total number of pledging units, total amount pledged, and
17 average annual pledge derived by divided by the number of pledging units.

EXPLANATION

The information supplied in the parochial report is essential to planning by the diocese and national churches, but it is even more vital that the leadership of congregations be fully engaged in the process and annually review the statistical data associated with the congregation. Since compilations of past data will now be provided to congregations, review of new data will help assure greater understanding and awareness of historical data and trend.

Resolution A044 Amend Canon I.17.1(c)

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I.17.1(c) be amended to read as follows:

2 (c) It is expected that all adult members of this Church, after appropriate instruction, will have made a
3 mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and will
4 have been confirmed or received by the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church or by a Bishop of a

5 Church in communion with this Church. Those who have previously made a mature public commitment in
6 another Church may be received by the laying on of hands by a Bishop of this Church, not confirmed.

EXPLANATION

This added language makes the intent of I.17.1(c) clearer and by stipulating reception is by a Bishop with the laying on of hands brings the language of this section into consistency with 1.17.1.d. It is not intended to in any way alter the substance of the provision.

Resolution A045 Amend Canon I.17.2

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon 1.17.2 be amended to read as follows:

2 (a) All members of this Church who have received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times
3 during the preceding year are to be considered communicants of this Church.

4 (b) For the purposes of statistical consistency throughout the Church, communicants sixteen years of age
5 and over are to be considered adult communicants.

EXPLANATION

The definition of “communicants” was deleted from Canon I.17.2 by action of the last General Convention, in connection with amendments to statistical reporting requirements. The Commission believes that this deletion was unfortunate, as “communicant” is a term used throughout the Canons, and should be defined to give consistency in its use. This restores the definition of “communicant” to the Canons.

Title III

As noted earlier in this report, a number of changes to Title III are proposed by the Standing Commission on Ministry Development. Although the SCCC has reviewed these changes in draft form, it has not reviewed the final form and can offer no opinion on them. A corrective resolution is necessary, however, for Canon III.22.1(e).

Resolution A046 Amend Canon III.22.1(e)

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon III.22.1(e) be amended as follows:

2 (e) The Secretary of the body (Convention) electing a Bishop Diocesan, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop
3 Suffragan, shall inform the Presiding Bishop promptly of the name of the person elected. It shall be the
4 duty of the Bishop-elect to notify the Presiding Bishop of his acceptance or declination of the election, at
5 the same time as the Bishop-elect notifies the electing diocese.

EXPLANATION

The word "Convention" that appears in the text of Canon III. 22. 1 (e) is a change from the word "body" which was the usage in the Constitution & Canons 1994. The replacement word "Convention" was not italicized, nor the word "body" struck out, as required by Canon and legislative form. The word "body" is significant in the context of this Canon, as Bishops may be elected by other than Convention.

Resolution A047 Amend Canon IV.14.13

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon IV.14.13 be amended to add “(a)” to the title of the
2 existing section, and add a new subparagraph (b) to read as follows:

3 (b) Any Bishop exercising authority as provided in this Title (i) who is related by blood or marriage to the
4 Respondent or any alleged victim, or (ii) who reasonably believes himself or herself unable to render a fair
5 and independent sentence, shall be disqualified and excused from service in connection with the matter.

EXPLANATION

Canon IV.12.4.(a) assumes there might be circumstances in which a Bishop would be disqualified in a Title IV proceeding. However, the Canon does not describe the circumstances under which such disqualification might occur. This amendment provides clarity relative to the phrase "... or in case that Bishop is disqualified..." in IV.12.4.(a)

Resolution A048 Amend Canon IV.4.16(d)

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon IV.4.16(d) be amended to read as follows:
 2 (d) If the Respondent fails or refuses to answer or otherwise enter an appearance, except for reasonable
 3 cause to be allowed by the Court, the Church Attorney may, no sooner than thirty days after the answer is
 4 due, move for Summary Judgment in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. If the motion is granted the
 5 Bishop shall be notified, and the Respondent shall be given notice that Sentence of Admonition,
 6 Suspension or Deposition will be adjudged and pronounced by the Bishop at the expiration of thirty days
 7 after the Notice of Sentence, or at such convenient time thereafter as the Bishop shall determine.

EXPLANATION

The canon as originally adopted is in conflict with the Constitution, Article IX, which provides that only a Bishop may pronounce a Sentence

Resolution A049 Amend Canon IV.2(A)(2)

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon IV.2(A)(2) be amended to read as follows:
 2 Sec.2. The Waiver and Voluntary Submission shall be evidenced by a written instrument, which shall
 3 contain: (i) the name of the Priest or Deacon, (ii) a reference to the Canon specifying the Offense, (iii)
 4 general information sufficient to identify the Offense, and (iv) a statement that the Priest or Deacon is
 5 aware of the Sentence to be imposed and the effect thereof, and shall be signed and Acknowledged by the
 6 Priest or Deacon, after opportunity to consult with and obtain advice from independent legal counsel of the
 7 Priest or Deacon's choosing. If the Priest or Deacon has so consulted with legal counsel, that counsel shall
 8 also be identified in the Waiver and Voluntary Submission. Legal counsel shall not be a Chancellor, a
 9 Vice Chancellor, the Church Attorney or a Lay Assessor in that Diocese. The Waiver and Voluntary
 10 Submission may be withdrawn by the Priest or Deacon within three days of execution by the Priest or
 11 Deacon and thereafter shall be effective and irrevocable. The Church Attorney, each Complainant and
 12 Victim shall be given an opportunity to be heard on the Sentence by the Bishop who is to impose and
 13 pronounce Sentence prior to the execution of the Waiver and Voluntary Submission.

EXPLANATION

This amendment merely clarifies the right of the Church Attorney, the Complainant and Victim to be heard by the Bishop on the substance of the Sentence to be pronounced.

Resolution A050 Amend IV.2(A)(10)

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon IV.2(A)(10) be amended to read as follows:
 2 Sec.10. The Waiver and Voluntary Submission shall be evidenced by a written instrument, which shall
 3 contain (i) the name of the Bishop, (ii) a reference to the Canon specifying the Offense, (iii) general
 4 information sufficient to identify the Offense, and (iv) a statement that the Bishop is aware of the Sentence
 5 to be imposed and the effect thereof, and shall be signed and Acknowledged by the Bishop, after
 6 opportunity to consult with and obtain advice from independent legal counsel of the Bishop's choosing. If
 7 the Bishop has so consulted with legal counsel, that counsel shall also be identified in the Waiver and
 8 Voluntary Submission. Legal counsel shall not be the Presiding Bishop's Chancellor. The Waiver and
 9 Voluntary Submission may be withdrawn by the Bishop within three days of execution by the Bishop and
 10 thereafter shall be effective and irrevocable. The Church Attorney, each Complainant and Victim shall be
 11 given an opportunity to be heard on the Sentence by the presiding Bishop who is to impose and pronounce
 12 Sentence prior to the execution of the Waiver and Voluntary Submission.

EXPLANATION

This amendment accomplishes the same result in the provision regarding Bishops as the above resolution did with respects to Priests and Deacons.

Title IV Record Keeping

Title IV was essentially silent on the requirements of record keeping and access to the records of proceedings. Instances were cited to the Commission where the trial record was virtually non-existent, and had to be reconstructed virtually from scratch. The resolutions making up the balance of our report all relate to record-keeping requirements under Title IV.

Resolution A051 Amend Canon IV.4.14

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon IV.4.14 be amended by numbering the existing
2 section as (a), and adding a new section (b) as follows:
3 (b) The record shall be in the custody of the Clerk and kept in the depository of the Registrar of the
4 General Convention, and in the Archives of the Episcopal Church.

Resolution A052 Amend Canon IV.4.48

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon IV.4.48 be amended as follows:
2 (a) The Court of Review shall keep a record of all proceedings in each case brought before it and the
3 record shall be certified by the Presiding Officer of the Court. If the record cannot be authenticated by the
4 presiding Officer by reason of the presiding Officer's death, disability or absence, it shall be authenticated
5 by a member of the Court designated for that purpose by majority vote of the Court.
6 (b) The record shall be in the custody of the Clerk and kept in the depository of the Registrar of the
7 General Convention, and in the Archives of the Episcopal Church.

EXPLANATION

This amendment accomplishes the same result in the provision regarding Bishops as the above resolution did with respects to Priests and Deacons.

Resolution A053 Amend Canon IV.5.29

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon IV.5.29 be amended to read as follows:
2 (a) The Court shall keep a record of all proceedings in each case brought before it and the record shall be
3 certified by the Presiding Judge of the Court. If the record cannot be authenticated by the Presiding Judge
4 by reason of the Presiding Judge's death, disability or absence, it shall be authenticated by a member of the
5 Court designated for that purpose by majority vote of the Court.
6 (b) ~~The record shall be kept by the Clerk, inserted in a book and be attested by the signature of the~~
7 ~~Presiding Judge and Clerk. The record shall be in the custody of the Clerk and kept in the depository of the~~
8 ~~Registrar of the General Convention, and in the Archives of the Episcopal Church, and shall be open to the~~
9 ~~inspection of every member of this church.~~

Resolution A054 Amend Canon IV.6

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That a new section be added to Canon IV.6 numbered 22 as
2 follows and that the existing Section 22 of Canon IV.6 be renumbered Section 23,
3 Sec.22. (a) The Court of Review of the Trial of a Bishop shall keep a record of all proceedings in each
4 case brought before it and the record shall be certified by the Presiding Judge of the Court. If the record
5 cannot be authenticated by the Presiding Judge by reason of the Presiding Judge's death, disability or
6 absence, it shall be authenticated by a member of the Court designated for that purpose by majority vote of
7 the Court.
8 (b) The record shall be in the custody of the Clerk and kept in the depository of the Registrar of the
9 General Convention, and in the Archives of the Episcopal Church.
10 Sec. 23. When the Court is not in session,...

Resolution A055 Amend Canon IV.12.9

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon IV.12.9 be amended by numbering the existing
2 section as (a), adding language, and adding a new subsection (b) to read as follows:
3 (b) The record of Sentence, whether Admonition, Suspension or Deposition, shall specify under what
4 Canon the action is being taken and be kept in the depository of the Registrar of the General Convention,
5 and in the Archives of the Episcopal Church.

Resolution 056 Amend Canon IV.12.11

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon IV.12.11 be amended by numbering the existing
2 section (a), adding to (a) and inserting a new (b) to read as follows:
3 Sec.11. (a) In the case of the suspension or deposition of a Bishop, it shall be the duty of the Presiding
4 Bishop to give notice of the Sentence to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese of this Church, to

5 the Recorder, to the Church Deployment Office, and to the Secretary of the House of Bishops, and to all
 6 Archbishops and Metropolitans, and to all Presiding Bishops of Churches in communion with this Church.
 7 The notice shall specify under what Canon the Bishop has been suspended or deposed.
 8 (b) The record of the Sentence, whether Admonition, Suspension or Deposition, shall specify under what
 9 Canon action is being taken, and be kept in the depository of the registrar of the General Convention, and
 10 in the Archives of the Episcopal Church.

Resolution A057 Amend Canon IV.13.1

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon IV.13.1 be amended to read as follows:
 2 Sec. 1. The House of Bishops may remit and terminate any judicial Sentence which may have been
 3 imposed upon a Bishop, or modify the same so far as to designate a precise period of time, or other
 4 specific contingency, on the occurrence of which the Sentence shall utterly cease, and be of no further
 5 force or effect; Provided, that no such Remission or modification shall be made except at a meeting of the
 6 House of Bishops, during the session of some General Convention, or at a special meeting of the House of
 7 Bishops, which shall be convened by the Presiding Bishop on the application of any five Bishops, after
 8 three months' notice in writing of the time, place, and object of the meeting being given to each Bishop;
 9 Provided, also, that the Remission or modification be assented to by not less than a majority of the
 10 Bishops; And provided, that nothing herein shall be construed to repeal or alter the provisions of Canon
 11 IV.12. A record of any action of remission or modification of a sentence shall be submitted by the
 12 Presiding Bishop to the Archives of the Episcopal Church and kept in the depository of the Registrar of the
 13 General Convention.

Resolution A058 Amend Canon IV.13.5

1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon IV.13.5 be amended to read as follows:
 2 Sec. 5. A Bishop who shall grant Remission for any Sentence of Removal or Deposition shall, without
 3 delay, give due notice thereof under the Bishop's own hand sending the notice in a sealed envelope to
 4 every Member of the Clergy, each Vestry, the Secretary of the Convention and the Standing Committee. of
 5 the Diocese, which shall be added to the official records of the Diocese; to the Presiding Bishop, to all
 6 other Bishops of this Church, and where there is no Bishop, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese
 7 of this Church; to the Recorder; to the Church Deployment Office; and to the Secretary of the House of
 8 Bishops and Secretary of the House of Deputies, who shall deposit and preserve the notice among the
 9 archives of those Houses giving, with the full name of the person restored, the date of the Removal or
 10 Deposition, and the Order of the Ministry to which that person is restored. A record of any action of
 11 remission or modification of a sentence shall be submitted by the Bishop to the Archives of the Episcopal
 12 Church and kept in the depository of the Registrar of the General Convention. Submission.

EXPLANATION

These amendments are intended to provide internal consistency and clarity to the matter of record-keeping in Title IV actions throughout the Church. These amendments involve no substantive alteration of any canonical provisions. These amendments are technically desirable and will provide an important repository of information for those responsible for the exercise of the Title IV (disciplinary) canons.

FINANCIAL RECAP AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION REQUEST

The Commission met four times during the Triennium as a body, and several of its members met at other times with SCMD and the Title IV Revisions Task Force. Out of a budget through 2002 of \$30,000, the Commission has spent \$22,514, with a few expenses still to be recorded. It appears that SCCC has accomplished its work well within the established budget. No further meetings are scheduled during 2003. The Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons expects to meet six times during the next triennium, the first meeting being scheduled for February, 2004. SCCC requests a budget of \$19,000 per year, for a total of \$57,000 for the triennium.