



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate

15 January 2008

The Rt. Rev. Robert W. Duncan, Jr.
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Dear Bob,

I am sorry to have to tell you that on 17 December 2007 the Title IV Review Committee certified to me that in its view you have abandoned the Communion of this Church, within the meaning of Canon IV.9 of this Church. A copy of that certification, together with the submissions on which the Committee based its decision, is included with this letter.

Pursuant to that Canon, I submitted the matter to the three senior bishops of this Church having jurisdiction – Bishops Frade of Southeast Florida, Lee of Virginia, and Wimberly of Texas – and asked that they consent to your inhibition, pending consideration of this matter by the House of Bishops. On 11 January 2008 they informed me that such consents would not be given at this time by all three bishops.

In due course I shall forward the Review Committee's certification to the House of Bishops for its consideration. Pursuant to the time limits stated in Canon IV.9, the matter will not come before the House at its next scheduled meeting in March 2008, but will come before the House at the next meeting thereafter. I would, however, welcome a statement by you within the next two months providing evidence that you once more consider yourself fully subject to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of this Church.

You continue in my prayers. I remain

Your servant in Christ,

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