

Notice of Hearing Panel Proceedings

ECCT Title IV matter #2021-1

This Notice is required pursuant to Title IV.13.2 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Please note that the written statement prepared by the Church Attorney in this matter is attached and/or enclosed with this notice.

Mailing date of Notice: February 2, 2022

Notice issued to:

Respondent: The Rev. Amjad Samuel, 25 Church Street, Shelton, CT 06484

Respondent's Advisor: Dr. Pamela Lutz LL.D, Canon Lawyer, Inc., 1 Route 94, Suite A, Vernon, NJ 07462

Respondent's Counsel: Michael F. Rehill, Canon Lawyer, Inc., 1 Route 94, Suite A, Vernon, NJ 07462

Church Attorney: Donald Allison, Allison, Angier & McHale, LLP, 69 S Pleasant St #201, Amherst, MA 01002

Nature and purpose of the Hearing Panel proceedings:

The purpose of Hearing Panel proceedings are to resolve the allegations of Offenses set forth in the attached statement of the Church Attorney. The Church Attorney appears on behalf of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) and bears the burden of proving the allegations by clear and convincing evidence. The Respondent is presumed not to have committed an Offense.

Both parties, the Respondent and Church Attorney, are obligated to participate in a process to allow discovery of evidence in preparation for the Hearing in accordance with the canons and the deadlines and limitations ordered by the Hearing Panel. All testimony is to be given under oath or solemn affirmation and will be subject to cross-examination. The Hearing Panel will determine the credibility, reliability and weight to be given to all testimony and other evidence. At the conclusion of the evidence, the Hearing Panel will deliberate privately and issue an Order. All proceedings before the Hearing Panel except their private deliberation shall be open to the public.

Be advised that Respondent is required to file a written response with the Hearing Panel by, March 4, 2022 which is within 30 days of the mailing date of this notice as required by Canon IV.13.2 (a).

Pursuant to Canon IV.19.6, Failure to file a response with the Hearing Panel within 30 days or to appear before the Hearing Panel permits the Hearing Panel, in its discretion, to proceed in

the absence of the Respondent. The failure of Respondent to file a written response or to appear, does not in and of itself, provide the basis for a finding that any Offense alleged in the Church Attorney's statement has been committed. It can be the basis for a finding of an Offense specifically arising from such failure to appear or file.

Members of the Hearing Panel:

The Rev. Joseph Shepley, President

The Rev. Louise Kalemkerian

Mr. Thomas Smith

Mailing address for Hearing Panel:

The Rev. Joseph Shepley

President of the Title IV Hearing Panel

c/o The Commons of the Episcopal Church of Connecticut

290 Pratt Street

Meriden, CT 06450

Others who will receive a copy of this Notice:

Complainants:

Ms. Kathy West Bronson

Mr. Ron Kelly

Ms. Jill Parkosewich

Mrs. Cindy Savage

Mr. Mike Savage

Complainants' Advisors:

Mr. Chester Fairlie

The Rev. Anita Schell