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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

In re Multi-Circuit Episcopal Church	)	Case Nos.:	CL 2007-248724,	
Litigation:	)		CL 2007-1235,	
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## STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA AND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH REGARDING FINAL ORDER AND MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER COMPELLING PRODUCTION OF EXHIBIT I IN ALTERNATIVE FORMS

The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia (Diocese) and The Episcopal Church (TEC) respectfully submit the following statement regarding the terms of a Final Order in the captioned actions, as directed by the Court in its January 10, 2012, Letter Opinion and in an email from Court Clerk Claire C. Scerra sent on February 9, 2012. The Diocese's and TEC's proposed Final Order is submitted with this letter. Page and line references in this Statement are to the Diocese's and TEC's proposed Final Order.

The following portions of the proposed Final Order are contested:

In the introductory clauses of Sections C, D, E, and H of the Final Order, the Diocese and TEC ask that the applicable deadlines for action be set at March 30, 2012. The CANA Congregations ask that they be allowed to delay the required actions until April 30, 2012.

The CANA Congregations advocate and the Diocese and TEC object to the following addition to the end of the first paragraph of Section C: "The Diocese shall assume the obligations as of the applicable Ownership Determination Date on all such indebtedness shown on Exhibit A or otherwise indemnify the CANA Congregations for such obligations."

In the introductory clauses of the second through fifth paragraphs of Section C, the Diocese and TEC ask that the applicable deadlines for action be set at March 16, 2012. The CANA Congregations ask that they be allowed to delay the required actions until April 16, 2012.

In Section D at page 5, lines 7, 16-17, in the second paragraph of Section E at page 6, lines 19 and 20, and at page 7 line 1, the CANA Congregations object to inclusion of the phrase "or their unincorporated predecessors or any one or more of them."

In Section D at page 5, lines 14 and 16, and in Section E at page 6, lines 27 and page 7, lin3 1, the CANA Congregations object to inclusion of the phrases "and the defendant trustees" or "the defendant trustees and."

The parties are at odds with respect to several of the terms of Section E:

- The Diocese and TEC ask the Court to enter money judgments against each of the CANA Congregations. The CANA Congregations object to that request.
  - The deadline for required actions is in dispute as noted above.
- The Diocese and TEC advocate and the CANA Congregations object to inclusion of the phrases "valued as of the applicable Ownership Determination Date" and "as of the applicable Ownership Determination Date."
- The Diocese and TEC advocate and the CANA Congregations object to inclusion of the phrase "together with sufficient sums to pay interest at the rate of 6 percent per annum on the principal amounts for two years from the date of the judgment subject to reconciliation at the conclusion of such appeals."
- The CANA Congregations advocate and the Diocese and TEC object to inclusion of the following: "net of those liabilities incurred as of the Ownership Determination Date but paid thereafter including, but not limited to, payroll, payroll deductions, taxes, withholding, pension contributions, pre-paid tuition, fees and funds belonging to third parties, restricted funds,

designated funds, and other liabilities, all of which are identified on Exhibit I attached hereto.

Investment accounts owned by the congregations and held by the Diocese shall remain with Diocese. All other investment accounts shall be valued by reconciling any post applicable Ownership Determination Date external withdrawals and external deposits, allowing all external deductions which comply with the restrictions imposed on designated and restricted investment funds all of which are reflected on Exhibit I attached hereto."

In Section H, the Diocese and TEC advocate a provision which bars the CANA Congregations from holding themselves out to the public by names that include the terms "The Falls Church," "Truro," "St. Stephen's," "St. Paul's," "St. Margaret's," "Apostles," and "Epiphany." The CANA Congregations object and advocate a provision which allows the CANA Congregations to hold themselves out to the public by any names that do not use the terms "Episcopal" or "Episcopalian."

The CANA Congregations are responsible for preparation of Exhibit I (Description of Liquid Personal Property) and have acknowledged that they have that responsibility. They have not provided an Exhibit I to counsel for the Diocese and TEC. We therefore have done the best that we can, using available information, to assemble the necessary information and to prepare an Exhibit I. It is incomplete and may be inaccurate as to The Falls Church, and it is entirely devoid of relevant information with respect to Truro; but it is the best that we can do under the circumstances. Its content also may be altered by the Court's decision on the CANA Congregations' partial motion for reconsideration. We respectfully submit that the Court should enter an Order forthwith, compelling the CANA Congregations to provide to the Court and all counsel an Exhibit I, in as many forms as may be required to deal with all pending contingencies, no later than 12:00 noon on February 28, 2012. A proposed Order is submitted herewith.

The CANA Congregations also are responsible for preparation of Exhibit L (Description of After-Acquired CANA Congregational Property) and have acknowledged that they have that responsibility. They have not provided an Exhibit L to counsel for the Diocese and TEC, and we do not have sufficient information to prepare even a reasonable facsimile of that Exhibit. We respectfully submit that if the CANA Congregations do not provide an Exhibit L to the Court and all counsel an Exhibit I, in as many alternative forms as may be required to deal with all pending contingencies, no later than 12:00 noon on February 28, 2012, then the Court should enter a Final Order which does not include an Exhibit L.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 24, 2012 THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

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