

IN THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA
IN THE TITLE IV MATTER OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE AND OTHER ALLEGED VIOLATIONS
BY

THE REVEREND DR. B. CAYCE RAMEY, RESPONDENT

To: The Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown, Bishop Diocesan
The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, Bishop Diocesan
The Rev. Dr. B. Cayce Ramey, Respondent
The Rev. Edward O. Miller, Jr. Respondent's Advisor
Bradfute W. Davenport, Jr., Esquire, Church Attorney

**HEARING PANEL ORDER
PURSUANT TO TITLE IV.14**

The Church Attorney, pursuant to Title IV.13.2(a), on October 29, 2024, filed a STATEMENT OF ALLEGED OFFENSES, and he next filed an UPDATED STATEMENT OF ALLEGED OFFENSES, dated January 16, 2026 (hereinafter UPDATED STATEMENT).

A hearing as to allegations raised in the UPDATED STATEMENT was held on June 24, 2026, as provided for in Title IV.13. The Respondent was absent throughout that hearing. The Respondent's absence from the hearing continued his complete non-participation in proceedings for this matter that began after July 18, 2025. Respondent's non-participation, including complete Canonical requirement compliance failures, are described in this Hearing Panel's (hereinafter PANEL's) April 23, 2026, issued UPDATED MANDATORY DISCLOSURE NOTICE, and are further addressed in the PANEL's May 26, 2026, issued SCHEDULING ORDER.

After the hearing, the PANEL pursuant to Title IV.14.7 afforded both Bishop's Diocesan and the Respondent with opportunities to be heard on proposed Order terms. To be informed for being heard, each party was sent the attached written PROPOSED TERMS FOR ORDER, dated June 30, 2026. (Exhibit A) A copy of a July 2, 2026, email sent to the Respondent concerning scheduling a date and time to afford him an opportunity to be heard that he did not respond to also is attached. (Exhibit B)

ORDER

The PANEL having considered all testimony, documentary evidence, all relevant Canonical arguments, and having deliberated fully, made its determination to issue the following as to the Respondent's conduct having violated Canons. The PANEL's findings of Respondent's violations of Canons are set out in chronological order as they also are presented in the UPDATED STATEMENT.

A. DISOBEDIENCE AND DEFIANCE OF ORDERS OF A HEARING PANEL AND THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD AND RELATED OFFENSES (UPDATED STATEMENT, Paras. 5-24)

- Respondent declined to be interviewed by a Reference Panel appointed Investigator, this conduct constitutes failure without good cause to cooperate with an investigation or proceeding conducted under authority of Title IV, which conduct violates Title IV.3.1 (b). (Para. 22)
- Respondent additionally refused to disclose information that he was directed by a Hearing Panel and the Disciplinary Board to provide; such actions by Respondent are behavior constituting "Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy and therefore Offenses under the definition[] of Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy in [Title] IV.2" that violates Title IV.4.1 (h)(9). (Para. 24)

B. DISOBEDIENCE AND DEFIANCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE (UPDATED STATEMENT, Paras. 25-31)

- Respondent failed to "abide by the requirements of [Respondent's] placement on Administrative Leave issued under [Title] IV.7", which failure violates Title IV.4.1 (d). (Para. 27)
- Respondent refused to provide a Reference Panel appointed Investigator with information he acknowledged as having; such refusal was "without good cause to cooperate with the investigation conducted under authority of Title IV" that violates Title IV.3.1 (b). (Para. 29)
- Respondent failed to abide by requirements of his placement on Administrative Leave, and he also refused without good cause to cooperate with an authorized investigation; such actions by Respondent are behavior constituting "Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy, as defined in [Title] IV.2" that violates Title IV.4.1 (h)(9). (Para. 30)

C. DISOBEDIENCE AND DEFIANCE OF PASTORAL DIRECTION

(UPDATED STATEMENT, Paras. 32-39)

- Respondent refused to communicate with a Reference Panel appointed Investigator; such refusal constitutes “failure without good cause to cooperate with an investigation or proceeding conducted under authority of Title IV” that violates Title IV.3.1 (b). (Paras. 38 & 39)
- Respondent failed to “abide by the promises and vows made when ordained, namely, to obey, respect, and ‘be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership’ of his Bishop (BCP, Ordination of a Priest, pp. 526, 535; BCP, Ordination of a Deacon, p. 538)” and thereby violated Title IV.4.1 (c). (Para. 39)
- Respondent failed to “abide by the requirements of an applicable Pastoral Direction” and thereby violated Title IV.4.1 (d). (Para. 39)
- Respondent failed to “abide by requirements of an applicable Pastoral Direction,” and he also refused without good cause to cooperate with an authorized investigation, such actions by Respondent are behavior constituting “Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy and therefore Offenses under the definition[] of Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy in [Title] IV.2” that violates Title IV.4.1 (h)(9). (Para. 39)

Having fully considered all offered and developed information, and cognizant of the Title IV.1 stated Church’s interests in promoting healing, repentance, forgiveness, restitution, justice, amendment of life and reconciliation among all parties and other persons, the following terms of discipline are recommended.

Deposition, in which Respondent is deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority of God’s word and sacraments conferred at ordinations to Priesthood and Diaconate.

This Order is transmitted to the Bishops Diocesan for administration in accord with Title IV.14.8.

Dated: 8 July 2026



Rev. Dina Widlake, President
Hearing Panel of the
Diocese of Virginia

EXHIBIT A
PROPOSED TERMS FOR ORDER

EXHIBIT B

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