

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF DORCHESTER)
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THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL)
CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF)
SOUTH CAROLINA, ET AL.,)
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Plaintiffs,)
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v.)
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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ET AL.,)
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Defendants.)
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Case No.: 2013-CP-18-00013

AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS M. RICKENBAKER

PERSONALLY appeared before me Thomas M. Rickenbaker, who first being duly sworn, deposes and says the following:

I am a priest of the Episcopal Church, now retired, and living at 369 Carleton Circle, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29301. My last parish was St. Paul’s Church in Edenton, North Carolina where I served for over 15 years. I left there and retired on October 1, 2013. I was contacted by representatives of the Bishop’s Search Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina, who inquired if I was interested in being considered to be nominated to be the Bishop of South Carolina to succeed The Right Reverend Edward L. Salmon, Jr. I responded in the affirmative, and I sent some background information to the Committee that included my response to a questionnaire sent to me. The background information was sent to The Reverend Gregory J. Kronz who I was told was Chair of the Committee. I think this process began sometime in 2005.

Sometime later, perhaps 6 to 8 weeks after I submitted information about myself to the Committee, I heard from Father Kronz asking if clergy and lay representatives could visit me in Edenton to talk with me and attend services at St. Paul’s on Sunday. I agreed. About a month

later, I was visited on a Saturday morning by Father Kronz and Father Paul Feuner, another member of the Search Committee. There were no lay representatives present. The Search Committee representatives and I agreed to meet in my office at St. Paul's. Father Kronz and Father Feuner came into my office for the interview. The first question posed to me was, "What can you do to help us leave The Episcopal Church and take our property with us?". I said I was not interested in that course of action in any way, shape, or form; and that I was greatly disappointed that the question was even being asked. I asked them why such a question was even asked. Father Feuner responded by saying that, "We are looking for a bishop who will or is willing to lead us out of the Episcopal Church and take our property with us." The two committee representatives came to the two Sunday services the next day at St. Paul's and then left. A few weeks later, I was informed by Father Kronz that I had been eliminated from the selection process.



Thomas M. Rickenbaker

SWORN and subscribed to before me,
this, 18th day of December, 2013
[Signature] (L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My commission expires: 10/1/2019



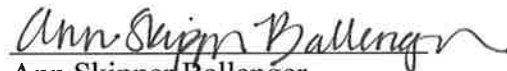
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Ann Skipper Ballenger, certify that Defendant The Episcopal Church in South Carolina (“TECSC”) has served the Affidavit of Thomas M. Rickenbaker upon all counsel of record by United States first-class mail and electronic mail, this the 26th day of December 2013.


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