

Hearing Panel-Diocese of New Jersey

DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY

Complainant

CASE NO 2021-1

v.

CASE NO. 2021-3

The Rev. Daniel Somers

Respondent

SCHEDULING ORDER PURSUANT TO TITLE IV 13.5.c

On December 5, 2022, and following the submission of the parties' proposed discovery plan, the parties hereto participated in a scheduling conference with the Hearing Panel. As a result of the discussions during the conference, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. On or before December 23, 2022
 - a. Each Complainant (the Right Rev. William Stokes, Julia Barringer and Mark Stewart) may propound document requests and no more than 20 interrogatories on Respondent; and
 - b. Respondent may propound document requests and no more than 20 interrogatories on each Complainant.
2. All Complainants and the Respondent shall respond to interrogatories and document requests, and produce documents not subject to an objection, on or before January 23, 2023.
3. The Complainants collectively and Respondent may take no more than two (2) depositions, which shall occur prior to March 10, 2023; and

4. Any dispositive motions or pre-hearing challenges shall be submitted to the Panel no later than March 31, 2022.
5. A decision regarding the time and date or dates for a hearing is held in abeyance.
6. The Complainants may submit a memorandum to the Panel no later than motion no later than December 20, 2022 addressing Respondent's request for a copy of a Report prepared by Diane Sammons.
7. Respondent may respond to the Complainants' memorandum no later than January 6, 2023.
8. Complainants may submit a reply to Complainants' memorandum on or before January 13, 2023.
9. All parties shall make good faith efforts to limit their main submissions to three pages of substantive discussion (approximately 1200 words) and Complainant shall make a good faith effort to submit any reply submission to no more than one and a half pages of substantive discussion (approximately 600 words).
10. By copy of this Order, the Panel is advising the Chancellor of the Diocese of New Jersey regarding the request for a report that apparently belongs to it so that the Diocese may submit a statement of its position regarding this discovery issue.

Date: December 5, 2022

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The Rev. J. Connor Haynes
President, Hearing Panel