

HEARING PANEL - DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Diocese of New Jersey

Vs.

Notice of Proceedings Pursuant to Canon
IV.13.1.2.a.

Case Number 2024-3

February 6, 2025

The Rev. Michael Way,
Presbyter

To: Rev. Michael Way, Respondent
Rev. Ronald Pollock, Advisor to Respondent
Talbot Kramer, Esq., Church Attorney
[names of Complainants redacted]
Rev. Matt Tucker, Advisor to complainants

Notice of Proceedings Pursuant to Canon IV.13.1.2.a

You are given notice that the attached Church Attorney Statement has been filed by the Church Attorney for the Diocese of New Jersey, setting forth violations of the Canons of the Episcopal Church which, if proven before the Hearing Panel of the Diocese, may result in sanctions against respondent Rev. Michael Way, Presbyter.

Nature of the Proceedings, Canon IV.13.1.2.a.1

The proceedings involve a hearing that will be held by the Hearing Panel, at a time to be announced by the President of the Hearing Panel, to hear evidence, which may include testimony of witnesses and the review of documents, and to then provide a decision which shall be transmitted to the Bishop of New Jersey. Evidence may be presented by the Church Attorney, the Respondent, the complainants and any other witness which the Church Attorney or Respondent believe may offer relevant evidence.

Pursuant to this Canon, IV.13.1.2.a.1, Respondent is advised that a response, which must be in writing and signed by Respondent, must be provided to the Hearing Panel and the Church Attorney within 30 days of this notice. If Respondent fails to provide his written response within this time period, or if he does not participate in the Hearing Panel proceedings, the Hearing Panel is authorized to continue to move forward and decide the matter without his participation in accordance with Canon IV.19.6.

Dated: February 6, 2025

By: The Rev. Peter DeFranco, President, Hearing Panel of the Diocese of NJ