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Publicly reported allegations and outcomes

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Scope

Sexual abuse and other alleged misconduct involving clergy, lay leaders, employees, volunteers, vestries, standing committees, boards, schools and other institutions. Includes public reports and clearly identified editorial accounts.

The Episcopal Church in the United States. Comprehensive in subject matter; developing and nonexhaustive in coverage. The entries are not a census, a prevalence estimate or a background-check certification.

READ BEFORE USING THIS INDEX

An entry records allegations, admissions, findings or institutional responses. Inclusion does not itself establish wrongdoing. Criminal, civil, employment and church-disciplinary outcomes are separate. Read every allegation together with its outcome and limitations.

Companion volume: Publicly disclosed Title IV matters: Complaints, handling concerns and outcomes.

How to read this index

The complaint and the response

The purpose is to put what people report beside what the institution is publicly known to have done. Complaints can describe serious harm without producing a criminal charge, civil judgment or church sanction. Lack of action is not proof of guilt or innocence.

What qualifies for inclusion

A public report, a disclosed disciplinary matter or an attributable account supplied for this edition can support an entry. Corroborating documents, criminal charges and an official finding are not prerequisites. A source establishes that an allegation was made; it does not automatically establish that the alleged conduct occurred. Editorial-only accounts are identified and are not presented as independently corroborated public records.

Scope and organization

The scope is the 50 United States and the District of Columbia, with churchwide proceedings and historical context. This edition has records associated primarily with 33 states, the District of Columbia and churchwide leadership; it is not an exhaustive search of every jurisdiction. Other denominations are outside scope except as context for Episcopal conduct.

Entries are grouped by the principal state or churchwide setting, then a public-record date that is not necessarily the earliest disclosure. Records may group complaints; separate records may concern one person. Shared AW identifiers link the volumes. Their totals overlap and are not counts of independent cases.

Historical coverage

Searches also use adultery, affair, immorality, presentment, church court or tribunal, inhibition, deposition and defrocking. A source need not say “Title IV.” Older reports may call abuse an affair; entries preserve reported ages and authority relationships. Predecessor proceedings are labeled, and today’s rules are not applied retrospectively.

Coverage across roles and conduct

Broader records include sexual and nonsexual misconduct, lay leadership and institutional responses. The Title IV volume also covers allegations that bishops ignored, mishandled or improperly resolved clergy complaints. A separate formal complaint against the bishop is not required; the entry states what process is established. Contested doctrinal proceedings retain their own descriptions. Sexual orientation is not misconduct. An adult affair is not automatically sexual assault. A board’s inclusion does not establish wrongdoing by every member.

Disclosure and responses

Relevant entries disclose *Anglican Watch*’s participation and Eric Bonetti’s interests as editor, complainant or litigant. Denials and favorable outcomes accompany adverse accounts. “No response located” does not mean the subject refused to respond. This edition does not imply fresh outreach to every subject.

Process, status and public-record limits

Title IV and access to information

Current Title IV applies to clergy. Its sexual-misconduct categories extend beyond crimes. **IV.6.13** addresses intake/referral confidentiality; **IV.13.3** and **IV.15.12** require publication of hearing and appeal filings, with protections. **IV.19.16** provides a presumption of noncommission and a clear-and-convincing hearing standard. Earlier proceedings may use different rules. Administrative restriction is not a final finding. Mixed entries identify clergy respondents. [1]

Episcopal News Service reports that most cases are resolved before a hearing, where much less information is ordinarily public. The national bishop-case page is selective; historical archives are selective as well. These sources cannot supply the denominator needed to measure the percentage of complaints that produce action. A missing public outcome is recorded as unknown—not converted into “no action,” “still pending” or “exonerated.” [2–4]

Status labels

Alleged / reported	An attributed claim; not a finding.
Handling allegation	Criticism of episcopal or diocesan handling; a separate bishop case may not be established.
Admitted / found	The particular admission or decision, its scope and any reversal.
Inquiry / restriction	A procedural or protective step; not proof of the allegation.
Dismissed / reversed	The outcome and known reason are retained.
Accord / pastoral response	Public terms are reported. Admission or a merits finding is not assumed.
Outcome unavailable	Later disposition was not established. The last dated status is not certified as current.

Source and date discipline

Sources were reviewed for this edition through November 15, 2026. Each entry gives the date of its latest known event or report, which may be much older. Confidential terms, missing instruments and disputed descriptions remain explicit. The source notes distinguish a complaint from an adjudication. The companion criminal-case catalog is cross-referenced where a matching record was identified. These indexes do not decide criminal liability or provide a government offender registry.

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All Saints', Homewood: reported misuse of rebuilding funds

Subject: Unnamed former senior warden at All Saints', Homewood · **Role:** Senior warden; identity not supplied by the cited reports

Setting: All Saints' Episcopal Church, Homewood. **Diocese:** Diocese of Alabama

Category: Reported misuse of insurance proceeds; decision not to pursue charges

Conduct / complaint period: Following the 1988 church fire; exact period not established

Source basis: Contemporary newspaper reporting, later summarized in AW's inventory; official parish affiliation listing

Lay or institutional record; no Title IV clergy proceeding established.

Latest known outcome	Historical nonprosecution report; a court disposition or later recovery was not established.

Status date: 2006-11-11

What was reported

A senior warden reportedly took $313,000 intended for rebuilding; the parish declined prosecution. *Anglican Watch*'s later financial-misconduct inventory also records this historical matter. The person is left unnamed because the cited reporting does not identify them. This entry preserves a reported parish response outside a documented criminal conviction or clergy disciplinary case.

Response

No account from the unnamed warden was located.

Public-record limits

This is a reported historical episode, not an adjudicated finding established here. A parish's decision not to pursue charges does not establish every possible law-enforcement outcome. No present officer is identified or implicated.

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ALABAMA / AW-001

Tommie Lee Watkins Jr.: sexual-boundary allegations and partially reversed findings

Subject: Tommie Lee Watkins Jr. · **Role:** Priest

Setting: Diocesan disciplinary proceeding. **Diocese:** Diocese of Alabama

Category: Sexual misconduct and pastoral boundaries; administrative-leave compliance

Conduct / complaint period: 2017–2021 alleged conduct; investigation initiated in 2020

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Appellate affirmance in part and reversal in part; subsequent effective sentencing action not established here.

Status date: 2024-05-16

What was reported

Watkins faced multiple Title IV allegations involving sexual conduct and pastoral relationships, plus alleged violations of administrative leave. A hearing panel found five of six alleged offenses. On appeal in May 2024, the Court of Review affirmed four findings and reversed one. It also held that an earlier pronouncement of deposition had no canonical effect because an appeal was pending. The opinion records that a related criminal complaint had been dismissed with prejudice.

Response

Watkins disputed the allegations and pastoral-relationship characterization, alleged bias and procedural defects, and sought a new hearing.

Public-record limits

The criminal complaint was dismissed and portions of the church judgment reversed. The April 2023 sentence was held ineffective; a later effective final deposition was not established.

Sources

1. Court of Review opinion: Watkins v. Diocese of Alabama. Court of Review of the Episcopal Church · 2024-05-16. Primary appellate disposition, criminal-dismissal context, and ruling on premature sentence.

2. Statement of alleged offenses. Diocese of Alabama disciplinary process · 2021-06-24. Primary statement of an additional sexual-boundary allegation.

3. Respondent's motion to vacate and rehear. Tommie Lee Watkins Jr.; published in diocesan case materials · 2023. Sets out Watkins's denials and procedural objections.

ALABAMA / AW-002

Richard Losch: child-abuse allegations and reported disciplinary complaints

Subject: Richard Losch · **Role:** Priest; former teacher and Scout leader

Setting: St. James, Livingston; earlier St. Michael's, Marblehead. **Diocese:** Alabama; earlier service in Massachusetts

Category: Alleged child sexual abuse / complaint handling

Conduct / complaint period: Alleged assault in 1976

Source basis: Local news reporting; *Anglican Watch* complaint reporting

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Criminal trial ended in a hung-jury mistrial on April 10, 2025. No later criminal disposition or public final Title IV order was located.

Status date: 2025-04-10

What was reported

A former pupil and parish attendee, identified publicly by the pseudonym Jack, accused Losch of raping him at a New Hampshire Scout camp. *Anglican Watch* also reported grooming allegations and complaints about the Diocese of Alabama's handling of a Title IV complaint.

Response

Losch has denied wrongdoing. A diocesan statement quoted in 2024 news coverage said his ministry had been fully restricted in August 2023.

Public-record limits

The mistrial was neither a conviction nor an acquittal. The disciplinary complaint's handling is reported, rather than reconstructed from a complete diocesan file.

Related records: AW-129.

Companion criminal catalog NH-08. Criminal and church outcomes are separate.

Sources

1. Trial outcome. Marblehead Current · 2025-04-10. Reports the mistrial, testimony and Losch's denial.

2. Disciplinary complaint reporting. *Anglican Watch* · 2026. Reports complaints about diocesan handling and calls for clergy discipline.

3. Diocesan restriction and denial. Speakin' Out News / AL.com · 2024-04-09. Reproduces reporting containing the diocese's restriction statement and Losch's denial.

ALABAMA / AW-129

Glenda Curry and Holly Hollerith: Losch complaint handling

Subject: Glenda Curry and Herman (Holly) Hollerith · **Role:** Curry: bishop of Alabama at the relevant time; Hollerith: retired bishop of Southern Virginia, described by AW as acting for the presiding bishop

Setting: Diocese of Alabama; presiding bishop's complaint-handling structure. **Diocese:** Alabama; churchwide delegated response

Category: Alleged failure to process complaints; inconsistent information; dismissive response

Conduct / complaint period: Reported handling concerns, 2021–2026; Hollerith email published February 2024

Source basis: AW reporting and advocacy, including a reproduced email; diocesan statement quoted in news coverage

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Published handling allegations remain without a located final bishop disciplinary order. The underlying Losch matter is indexed separately.

Status date: 2026-07-31

What was reported

AW alleged that Alabama officials under Curry obstructed the Losch complaint and gave inconsistent accounts of its status, including dismissal without notice versus a continuing investigation. It separately accused Hollerith of dismissing the complainant's concerns in a misdirected email while acting for the presiding bishop. The allegations concern their different handling roles, not sexual conduct by either bishop. AW later reported that Hollerith initially professed no knowledge of the email and stepped away from the complaint-handling role. Alabama publicly said Losch's ministry was fully restricted in August 2023.

Response

Alabama's published restriction statement establishes an action taken against Losch. AW reported Hollerith's initial disclaimer of knowledge; no direct substantive bishop response to the specific handling allegations was located.

Public-record limits

Restriction of Losch is distinct from adjudication of the bishops' conduct. Hollerith's exact delegated role and reported departure are based on AW's account, not an appointment or resignation instrument.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* advocated for the Losch complainant, contacted church officials, and publicly called for Hollerith's recusal and resignation. Its advocacy and reporting overlap.

Related records: AW-002.

Sources

1. Open letter concerning the Diocese of Alabama's handling of Richard Losch allegations. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-04-29. Alleges inconsistent complaint-status information and inadequate processing.

2. Reported Hollerith email concerning the Losch complainant. *Anglican Watch* · 2024-02-25. Reproduces the email and describes AW's calls for recusal and apology.

3. Proposed changes to Episcopal clergy discipline are fundamentally flawed, miss the point. *Anglican Watch* · 2024-04-08. Reports Hollerith's initial response and departure from a complaint-handling role.

4. Alabama priest trial report and diocesan statement. Greg Garrison, AL.com; reproduced by Speakin' Out News · 2024-04-09. Quotes Alabama's statement that Losch's ministry was fully restricted in August 2023.

5. AW follow-up on Glenda Curry's tenure. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-07-31. Later restatement of the Losch handling allegations; unrelated character assessments are not adopted.

ARKANSAS / AW-105

Grace Church, Pine Bluff: pastoral relationship ended after priest's gender transition

Subject: Grace Church, Pine Bluff, and Bishop Larry Benfield · **Role:** Parish leadership and bishop; Gwen Fry was the affected priest

Setting: Grace Episcopal Church, Pine Bluff. **Diocese:** Arkansas

Category: Reported transgender exclusion; dissolution of pastoral relationship

Conduct / complaint period: February 2014

Source basis: Official diocesan statement; contemporaneous advocacy statements; later *Anglican Watch* criticism.

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Pastoral relationship dissolved in 2014; no disciplinary finding against parish leaders or the bishop established here.

Status date: 2014-02-26

What was reported

Anglican Watch cites the ending of Gwen Fry's ministry at Grace Church shortly after she came out as transgender as an example of exclusion despite church nondiscrimination rules. The contemporaneous diocesan statement records that Bishop Larry Benfield dissolved the pastoral relationship. Fry expressly agreed with that action and praised the bishop's pastoral response. IntegrityUSA and TransEpiscopal likewise expressed support for both Fry and the bishop while lamenting the loss of her parish position.

Response

Fry publicly supported the dissolution and Benfield's handling. Contemporary LGBTQ advocacy statements praised diocesan support and anticipated another ministry placement.

Public-record limits

The discrimination characterization is attributed to *Anglican Watch*. Fry's contemporaneous endorsement of the bishop's action must accompany it. The reviewed record does not identify a Title IV case.

Sources

1. Statements from the Rev. Gwen Fry and Bishop Benfield. The Episcopal Church in Arkansas · 2014-02-26. Reproduces Fry's agreement with the dissolution and praise for Benfield's response.

2. An Update on the Reverend Gwen Fry. TransEpiscopal and IntegrityUSA · 2014-02-27. Contemporary confirmation of departure and support for Fry and the bishop.

3. TEC remains unsafe for transgender and non-binary persons. *Anglican Watch* · 2025-12-17; updated 2026-07-07. Identifies the Fry episode as a transgender-inclusion concern.

CALIFORNIA / AW-003

John Bennison: abuse of a minor and 2006 renunciation of orders

Subject: John Bennison · **Role:** Youth minister, later priest and rector

Setting: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Upland; later St. John's Episcopal Church, Clayton. **Diocese:** Dioceses of Los Angeles and California

Category: Sexual abuse of a minor; admission reported

Conduct / complaint period: Approximately 1973–1976

Source basis: Public official records and/or attributed media reporting

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	2006 renunciation and voluntary departure from the priesthood documented; no later restoration verified in this review.

Status date: 2006-06

What was reported

Contemporaneous reporting described Bennison's admitted sexual relationship with a parishioner who was 14 when it began at St. Mark's in Upland. By 2006 he was rector of St. John's in Clayton. The Diocese of California sought his departure, and he renounced his orders. The underlying conduct was later examined in disciplinary proceedings concerning his brother Charles's response. The brothers have separate entries because direct abuse and failures of oversight are different allegations.

Response

The San Francisco Chronicle reported that John acknowledged the relationship. He did not respond to its requests for comment for the June 2006 article.

Public-record limits

A separate completed Title IV case against John was not verified. His 1977 deposition concerned other misconduct and was not the outcome of this specific allegation.

Related records: AW-036.

Sources

1. Priest to be defrocked over sex charge. San Francisco Chronicle / SFGate · 2006-06-13. Reports John's admission and departure.

2. Bishop Swing's letter to the diocese. KGO; reproduced by BishopAccountability · 2006-06-02. Preserves the bishop's contemporary account and response.

3. Presentment against Charles Bennison. The Episcopal Church · 2007-10-19. Records John's 2006 renunciation and the underlying history; a charging document, not the final appellate judgment.

CALIFORNIA / AW-058

Edward H. MacBurney: unauthorized confirmations and agreed admonition

Subject: Edward H. MacBurney · **Role:** Retired bishop of Quincy

Setting: Holy Trinity Parish, San Diego diocese. **Diocese:** Quincy; conduct in San Diego

Category: Unauthorized episcopal ministry; jurisdiction and discipline

Conduct / complaint period: June 2007

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	The disciplinary matter ended with the September 2008 agreed sentence and removal of inhibition. His later 2009 removal from Episcopal ministry was a separate Title III renunciation, expressly described by the church as not a deposition.

Status date: 2009-06-12

What was reported

San Diego Bishop Jim Mathes sought discipline after MacBurney performed confirmations at Holy Trinity without Mathes's permission. MacBurney acted at the invitation of Southern Cone Archbishop Gregory Venables after the congregation claimed affiliation with that province. A Title IV presentment followed in January 2008. MacBurney subsequently submitted voluntarily to discipline, and the presiding bishop issued an admonition and directed a written apology. The same September 2008 order removed his inhibition. This is a jurisdictional disciplinary matter; the record does not allege sexual abuse.

Response

MacBurney accepted a written waiver and voluntary submission to discipline. The resulting sentence required him to respect the diocesan bishop's authority and not repeat the conduct.

Public-record limits

Pre-July 2011 Title IV framework. The inhibition was lifted. The separate renunciation is not an additional misconduct conviction.

Sources

1. Sentence Upon Voluntary Submission to Discipline. Presiding Bishop / The Archives of the Episcopal Church · 2008-09-09. Operative sentence: admonition, written apology and removal of inhibition.

2. Bishop's inhibition lifted. The Church of England Newspaper / George Conger · 2008-09-26. Contemporary reporting on the unauthorized visit, negotiated resolution and bishop's response.

3. Presiding Bishop accepts renunciations of Bane and MacBurney. Episcopal News Service · 2009-06-15. Clarifies that the later renunciation was not deposition and did not affect moral character.

CALIFORNIA / AW-004

J. Jon Bruno: misconduct findings in the St. James property dispute

Subject: J. Jon Bruno · **Role:** Bishop of Los Angeles during the events

Setting: Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles; St. James the Great, Newport Beach. **Diocese:** Los Angeles

Category: Misrepresentation; abuse of authority; property governance

Conduct / complaint period: 2015–2017

Source basis: Public allegation or disciplinary record, with attributed responses and outcomes

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Three-year suspension completed and lifted in 2020; respondent died in 2021.

Status date: 2021-04-25

What was reported

A hearing panel found that Bruno pursued a church-property sale without the necessary standing committee consent, made misrepresentations, and engaged in conduct unbecoming clergy toward the displaced congregation. A three-year suspension followed; the disciplinary board later reported that it was affirmed retroactive to August 2017. The diocese states that the suspension was lifted in 2020. Bruno died in April 2021. These are disciplinary findings, not merely unresolved allegations.

Response

Contested the case through the disciplinary proceedings; the final order sets out his positions and the panel's rulings.

Public-record limits

The property dispute is indexed for the specific disciplinary findings; disagreement with a property decision alone is not described as misconduct.

Sources

1. Final order in the J. Jon Bruno matter. Hearing Panel of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops; public copy · 2017-08-02. The hearing panel's findings concerning authority, misrepresentations, and conduct toward a congregation.

2. Hearing panel's final Bruno decision. Episcopal News Service · 2017-08-02. Summarizes the final findings, recommended sentence, and diocesan response.

3. Disciplinary Board for Bishops report to General Convention. The Episcopal Church · 2022. Reports the December 26, 2018 order affirming a three-year suspension retroactive to August 2017; printed page 260.

4. Diocesan account of Bruno's death and completed suspension. Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles · 2021-04-25. Confirms that suspension was lifted in 2020 and that Bruno died April 23, 2021.

CALIFORNIA / AW-059

Matthew Dutton-Gillett: misuse of parish funds, accord and 2025 deposition

Subject: Matthew Dutton-Gillett (Matthew Gillett in the 2025 notice) · **Role:** Rector

Setting: Trinity Episcopal Church, Menlo Park. **Diocese:** California

Category: Financial misconduct; misuse of parish funds; disciplinary accord

Conduct / complaint period: 2011–2020

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Deposed from Episcopal ordained ministry effective April 10, 2025. The diocese's notice states that the disposition resolves the Title IV charges.

Status date: 2025-04-10

What was reported

Trinity leaders disclosed that Dutton-Gillett admitted using parish money for personal spending. A diocesan forensic investigation found more than $200,000 misused between 2011 and 2020, according to Bishop Marc Andrus's public statement. He was removed as rector and entered a September 2020 disciplinary accord providing four years of restricted ministry and restitution. In April 2025, Bishop Austin Rios issued a deposition notice under the name Matthew Gillett, identifying the same 2020 accord and imposing the previously suspended sentence. The parish also reported the matter to police.

Response

Dutton-Gillett accepted the disciplinary accord. He publicly expressed regret for the pain to the parish and his family. Contemporary reporting said he had repaid approximately $52,000 by September 2020.

Public-record limits

The later official notice uses Matthew Gillett; the contemporaneous reports use Matthew Dutton-Gillett. This entry distinguishes the original four-year arrangement from the eventual deposition. No criminal charging or disposition record was located, and a police referral is not a criminal conviction.

Companion criminal catalog CA-11. Criminal and church outcomes are separate.

Sources

1. A message to clergy and lay leaders, from Bishop Marc. Diocese of California · 2020-10-03. Primary statement confirms the forensic findings, removal as rector and Title IV accord.

2. Former rector at Trinity Church misused more than $200,000 in parish funds, church announces. The Almanac · 2020-09-28. Local reporting on the admission, investigation, partial repayment and police referral.

3. California priest removed from ministry after probe finds he spent church's $200,000 on himself. Episcopal News Service · 2020-10-05. Reports the accord and Dutton-Gillett's public response.

4. Notice of Sentence of Deposition for the Rev. Matthew Gillett. Diocese of California · 2025-04-11. Operative notice imposes deposition effective April 10, 2025, following the 2020 accord.

CALIFORNIA / AW-130

Susan Brown Snook: harassment-complaint handling and reported appeal

Subject: Susan Brown Snook · **Role:** Bishop diocesan

Setting: An unidentified parish in the Diocese of San Diego. **Diocese:** San Diego

Category: Alleged retaliation; complaint handling; inadequate pastoral response

Conduct / complaint period: Events preceding the August 2024 complaint reporting

Source basis: AW reporting based on parish leaders' complaint and redacted appeal

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Dismissed at intake; appeal reported filed in October 2024. Its disposition is unverified, so the index does not label it currently pending.

Status date: 2024-10-20

What was reported

Parish leaders reportedly complained that Snook mishandled allegations of sexual harassment by a lay vestry member. They said diocesan officials told the parish to handle the matter internally, then sided against the rector when conflict followed. AW reported allegations of retaliation, inadequate mediation and pastoral response, and suspension of the rector after retaining counsel. The bishop complaint was dismissed at intake. In October 2024, AW reported that an appeal had been filed; a later outcome was not located.

Response

AW reported the diocese's position that the rector had become adversarial and that the bishop complaint was retaliatory. No direct substantive response was retrieved.

Public-record limits

The parish and individuals remain unidentified. The reported sexual harassment is attributed to a lay person, not Snook; the bishop allegations concern handling and retaliation.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* disclosed a longstanding positive relationship with Snook predating her episcopate. It supported the complainants' position while reporting limited information.

Sources

1. Title IV complaint against Susan Brown Snook in a sexual-harassment case. *Anglican Watch* · 2024-08-26. Complaint allegations, redaction policy, nonresponse at publication and AW's relationship disclosure.

2. Update: Susan Brown Snook complaint dismissed. *Anglican Watch* · 2024-08. Reports dismissal; at that stage an appeal was anticipated.

3. Susan Brown Snook case goes on appeal. *Anglican Watch* · 2024-10-20. Later report confirms an appeal was filed and describes the diocese's positions.

CALIFORNIA / AW-005

Marc Andrus: adult relationship complaint, accord and restoration

Subject: Marc Andrus · **Role:** Former diocesan bishop

Setting: Diocese of California. **Diocese:** Diocese of California

Category: Adult relationship and communications; public details limited

Conduct / complaint period: A series of years before the October 2024 complaint; precise dates not disclosed

Source basis: Public official records and/or attributed media reporting

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	The October 29, 2026 diocesan newsletter announced restoration to good standing after Rowe determined that accord requirements had been met.

Status date: 2026-10-29

What was reported

Church officials announced a complaint concerning an inappropriate relationship with an adult, later describing communications extending over several years. Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe said an investigator with Title IV expertise reviewed the complaint before an accord was negotiated. The public notices do not identify specific sexual acts, coercion or assault. The case belongs here as an adult-boundary and disciplinary matter, with the limits of the church's public description preserved.

Response

Andrus entered the accord. The cited announcements do not publish his detailed response to the underlying allegations.

Public-record limits

The public description does not establish assault or coercion. The ordinary requirement for a retired bishop to obtain diocesan permission for episcopal acts remains.

Sources

1. Rowe announces Andrus accord. The Episcopal Church · 2025-06-05. Describes the allegation, investigation and disciplinary terms.

2. DioCal newsletter: Statement from the presiding bishop's office. Diocese of California · 2026-10-29. Confirms suspension ended October 9, 2026 and good standing was restored.

3. Initial diocesan announcement. Diocese of California · 2024-10-15. Documents the initial restriction and adult-relationship allegation.

CALIFORNIA / AW-006

Roger Haenke: sexual-misconduct allegation and reported deposition

Subject: Roger Haenke · **Role:** Rector at the time

Setting: St. John's Episcopal Church, Chula Vista. **Diocese:** San Diego

Category: Alleged sexual misconduct involving a minor / online solicitation

Conduct / complaint period: Allegation disclosed August 2025

Source basis: Diocesan announcement; *Anglican Watch* report of diocesan confirmation

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	*Anglican Watch* reported direct diocesan confirmation that Haenke was deposed in September 2025 and the Title IV matter closed.

Status date: 2026-11-09

What was reported

The diocese opened Title IV proceedings after a social-media allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor. *Anglican Watch* described the underlying allegation as solicitation involving decoys posing as teenagers. The diocese notified civil authorities.

Response

No substantive respondent response was located. The initial diocesan notice said he would remain on leave.

Public-record limits

The deposition's full terms and any merits determination were not retrieved. The older investigation announcement does not establish that the case remains open.

Sources

1. Diocesan announcement. Diocese of San Diego · 2025-08-05. Confirms the allegation, referral and initiation of Title IV proceedings.

2. Reported closure and deposition. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-10-22; updated 2026-11-09. Reports the diocese's email confirmation that the case had closed.

COLORADO / AW-060

Paul Robinson and Colorado church leadership: pastoral exploitation and civil liability

Subject: Paul Robinson; William C. Frey and the Diocese of Colorado · **Role:** Robinson: assistant priest; Frey: bishop; diocese: oversight defendant

Setting: St. Philip and St. James Episcopal Church, Denver. **Diocese:** Diocese of Colorado

Category: Pastoral sexual exploitation; distinct diocesan and episcopal handling claims

Conduct / complaint period: 1984–1986 sexual relationship; related church handling in 1985–1986

Source basis: Attributed archival church reporting, media reports and/or identified primary records

Historical episcopal complaint-handling entry; the reported adjudication was civil, not a Title IV judgment.

Latest known outcome	ENS reported a reduced civil award of $728,100 after the partial reversal, followed by denial of U.S. Supreme Court review.

Status date: 1994-07-13

What was reported

A parishioner sued over a sexual relationship with her counseling priest, Paul Robinson, and the response of Bishop William Frey and the diocese. The Colorado Supreme Court's account records Robinson's eventual admissions and allegations that church officials discouraged disclosure. The civil verdict concerned the defendants' own duties and handling, alongside a separate vicarious-liability theory. The claims against Robinson were severed after he filed for bankruptcy; the appellate judgment reviewed the bishop and diocese's liability.

Response

The diocese and Frey contested liability and argued that adjudication would violate religious freedom. The state supreme court rejected that broad immunity argument but reversed the vicarious-liability portion.

Public-record limits

These are civil findings against the identified defendants, not criminal convictions. The priest's conduct and the leadership's handling are distinct. A formal Episcopal disciplinary proceeding is not established here.

Sources

1. Moses v. Diocese of Colorado, 863 P.2d 310. Colorado Supreme Court; reproduced by Justia · 1993-11-15. Primary appellate opinion distinguishing direct duties from vicarious liability.

2. Supreme Court rejects appeal on Colorado sexual misconduct case. Episcopal News Service · 1994-07-13. Reports the final appellate posture, reduced award and church defendants' position.

3. Out of bounds: The church faces clergy sexual misconduct. Episcopal News Service · 1992-05-29. Contemporaneous church reporting on the original civil verdict and oversight allegations.

COLORADO / AW-107

St. Aidan's, Boulder: youth minister's harassment claims barred by church autonomy

Subject: St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Donald Henderson and related clergy/vestry defendants · **Role:** Clergy and lay parish leadership acting as employer

Setting: St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Boulder. **Diocese:** Colorado

Category: Alleged sexual harassment, anti-gay employment exclusion and intrusive parish discussion

Conduct / complaint period: 1999

Source basis: Published federal appellate opinion and contemporary denominational reporting.

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Civil claims rejected; appellate judgment affirmed April 30, 2002.

Status date: 2002-04-30

What was reported

Lay youth minister Lee Ann Bryce and her partner sued over remarks and materials circulated after their commitment ceremony. They alleged sexual harassment through intrusive questions, stereotypes about gay people and discussion of their relationship. Parish leaders ended Bryce's youth ministry, citing religious teaching, and offered temporary alternative work. The Tenth Circuit affirmed judgment for the defendants in 2002 because church autonomy protected the ecclesiastical discussion. The court also recorded that most parish speakers supported Bryce.

Response

The church argued that the challenged communications concerned its religious policy and were constitutionally protected; that defense prevailed.

Public-record limits

The ruling applied church autonomy, rather than finding that the disputed comments never occurred. No Title IV proceeding was identified. Responsibility is not imputed to every parishioner or vestry member.

Sources

1. Bryce v. Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Colorado, 289 F.3d 648. U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit; Justia reproduction · 2002-04-30. Court's account of the allegations, parish meetings and affirmed summary judgment.

2. Court finds church autonomy doctrine permits firing of Colorado youth minister. Episcopal News Service · 2002-05-07. Contemporary report of the employment dispute and appellate outcome.

COLORADO / AW-061

Donald Armstrong: financial misconduct finding and deposition

Subject: Donald Armstrong · **Role:** Rector

Setting: Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Colorado Springs. **Diocese:** Colorado

Category: Financial misconduct; misuse of charitable funds; accounting

Conduct / complaint period: Financial records examined covered approximately 1996–2006

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Historical church disposition: deposed in 2007. The later criminal sentence was probation and restitution, not imprisonment. No subsequent Episcopal restoration was located.

Status date: 2011-02-25

What was reported

The Diocese of Colorado investigated allegations that Armstrong diverted parish and scholarship money for personal and family expenses, received unauthorized loans, and failed to report benefits or keep proper accounts. An ecclesiastical court found him guilty on six counts in 2007, and Bishop Robert O'Neill deposed him. Armstrong denied wrongdoing and disputed the church court's jurisdiction after affiliating with CANA. The separate criminal case ended in a plea agreement and a 2011 probation and restitution sentence; its scope and disposition should not be substituted for the church findings.

Response

Armstrong maintained his innocence and did not attend the ecclesiastical trial. His representatives argued that his departure from the Episcopal Church deprived its court of jurisdiction. His new congregation described the later misdemeanor plea as an Alford plea without an admission of guilt.

Public-record limits

This was a pre-July 2011 Title IV proceeding. The church's larger financial findings and the criminal court's narrower restitution order are different determinations. The consulted reports describe the pleas differently; this entry does not convert the deferred felony judgment into a permanent felony conviction.

Companion criminal catalog CO-02. Criminal and church outcomes are separate.

Sources

1. Colorado: Priest inhibited during financial investigation. Episcopal News Service · 2007-01-05. Initial diocesan announcement of allegations, investigation and temporary inhibition.

2. Colorado: Former rector Don Armstrong found guilty of financial misconduct. Episcopal News Service · 2007-08-08. Reports six church findings and explains that the initial judgment was preliminary.

3. Colorado: Former Grace-St. Stephen's rector accepts plea agreement stemming from 20 felony theft charges. Episcopal News Service · 2010-09-20. Confirms church deposition, records Armstrong's denial, and distinguishes the later criminal pleas.

4. Armstrong sentenced to probation, $99,247 restitution. The Gazette · 2011-02-25. Reports the criminal sentence and the judge's rejection of part of the restitution request.

CONNECTICUT / AW-062

Mark H. Hansen: disputed abandonment process and deposition

Subject: Mark H. Hansen · **Role:** Rector

Setting: St. John's Episcopal Church, Bristol. **Diocese:** Connecticut

Category: Abandonment of communion; disputed sabbatical; episcopal authority

Conduct / complaint period: 2005

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Historical disposition: deposed in January 2006. A later diocesan statement identifies him as a lay pastor; no Episcopal restoration order was located.

Status date: 2019-05-15

What was reported

Hansen was one of six Connecticut priests disputing Bishop Andrew Smith's authority after the bishop supported Gene Robinson's consecration. Smith inhibited Hansen amid claims that he had left the parish without adequate leadership by taking an unauthorized sabbatical. Hansen said he had notified the bishop and arranged pastoral coverage. Other bishops publicly challenged the use of Title IV's abandonment canon against clergy who said they remained Episcopalians. The diocese announced that Hansen was deposed effective January 13, 2006. This entry records the disputed canonical process, not sexual misconduct.

Response

Hansen contested the claim that he had abandoned parish leadership. Seventeen bishops initially objected to the abandonment procedure, and nine later threatened intervention and charges against Smith. Diocesan officials said the six priests demanded oversight terms incompatible with the offered arrangement.

Public-record limits

Pre-July 2011 abandonment procedure. Inhibition dates differ across reports, so the chronology uses July 2005. Later service as a lay pastor does not by itself establish restoration to ordained ministry. The underlying theological dispute is not classified as sexual abuse.

Sources

1. Diocesan Digest: Nine Network bishops threaten charges over Connecticut parishes. Episcopal News Service · 2005-07-28. Identifies Title IV Canon 10, the standing committee action and bishops' objections.

2. Conservative Episcopal Priest Removed from Church. Christianity Today · 2006-04-13. Reports the contested sabbatical, diocesan explanation and Hansen's response; the article describes the earlier inhibition.

3. Diocesan Digest: Connecticut, Bristol priest deposed. Episcopal News Service / Diocese of Connecticut · 2006-01-19. Carries the diocesan announcement of deposition effective January 13.

4. Communication Regarding Heather Cook-Hanson Release. Diocese of Easton · 2019-05-15. Identifies Hansen's later position expressly as lay pastor.

CONNECTICUT / AW-007

Amjad Samuel: alleged intimidation and retaliation

Subject: Amjad Samuel · **Role:** Rector

Setting: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Shelton. **Diocese:** Episcopal Church in Connecticut

Category: Bullying and intimidation; retaliation; disciplinary-process dispute

Conduct / complaint period: Allegations concern ministry beginning in late 2014

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Earlier disciplinary process ended as no longer in order following separate abandonment deposition; no merits determination established here.

Status date: 2024-07-10

What was reported

Samuel faced a Title IV proceeding involving allegations of a hostile, intimidating parish environment and retaliation against people who complained. The public record includes the church attorney's allegations and extensive challenges by Samuel to the diocesan process. In July 2024, the bishop announced that Samuel's deposition in a separate abandonment proceeding left this earlier disciplinary case no longer in order. That announcement did not establish the truth or falsity of the underlying misconduct allegations.

Response

Samuel contested the process and sought dismissal or a return to intake, alleging canonical violations and an inability to obtain a fair hearing.

Public-record limits

The older docket still uses pending-language. The later bishop's letter governs this entry's procedural summary. Abandonment deposition is not treated as proof of bullying or retaliation.

Related records: AW-008.

Sources

1. Public disciplinary docket. Episcopal Church in Connecticut · 2024-08-07. Lists allegations, responses, and procedural filings.

2. Respondent's supplemental response. Samuel's counsel; published by Episcopal Church in Connecticut · 2022-09. Quotes the hostile-environment allegation while opposing removal of a complainant.

3. Spotlight on abuse: Episcopal priest Amjad Samuel. *Anglican Watch* · 2022. Reports retaliation allegations and the Title IV proceeding.

4. Bishop's letter regarding deposition. Episcopal Church in Connecticut · 2024-07-10. Distinguishes abandonment deposition from the earlier complaint proceeding.

CONNECTICUT / AW-008

Amjad Samuel: separate abandonment proceeding

Subject: Amjad Samuel · **Role:** Priest and former rector

Setting: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Shelton. **Diocese:** Episcopal Church in Connecticut

Category: Abandonment of the Episcopal Church; canonical status

Conduct / complaint period: 2024

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Deposed for abandonment, according to the bishop's announcement.

Status date: 2024-07-10

What was reported

Connecticut's Standing Committee determined that Samuel had abandoned the Episcopal Church, and the bishop affirmed that determination in May 2024. The bishop announced a sixty-day opportunity for a good-faith retraction or denial. His July announcement states that none was provided and that he deposed Samuel on July 10. This was a separate canonical-status proceeding; it did not adjudicate the earlier allegations about Samuel's treatment of parishioners.

Response

According to the bishop's July 2024 account, Samuel submitted no retraction or denial during the specified period. That is the bishop's reported procedural account.

Public-record limits

Separate from the earlier misconduct proceeding. Abandonment does not establish that the earlier intimidation or retaliation allegations were true.

Related records: AW-007.

Sources

1. Determination and notification of abandonment. Episcopal Church in Connecticut · 2024-05-09. Reports Standing Committee determination, bishop's affirmation, and response period.

2. Bishop's letter regarding deposition. Episcopal Church in Connecticut · 2024-07-10. Confirms deposition and distinguishes the separate proceedings.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA / AW-063

Gilbert F. Williams: sexual allegations and 1898 ecclesiastical deposition

Subject: Gilbert F. Williams · **Role:** Former rector

Setting: Christ Church, Navy Yard. **Diocese:** Washington

Category: Sexual misconduct; violation of ordination vows

Conduct / complaint period: Circa 1896

Source basis: Contemporary newspaper reports.

Historical ecclesiastical trial; governing Title IV designation not established.

Latest known outcome	Deposition reported March 15, 1898; no subsequent reversal located.

Status date: 1898-03-15

What was reported

The Evening Star reported that a parishioner accused Williams of an improper sexual relationship and identified him as her child's father. Williams sought a trial to clear his name and disputed testimony. After a closed ecclesiastical trial, the newspaper reported that the court sustained the charges and that Bishop Henry Satterlee deposed Williams on March 15, 1898.

Response

Williams challenged the accusations and requested an investigation and trial.

Public-record limits

Based on contemporary reporting preserved in a cemetery archive, rather than the complete court record. This historical ecclesiastical proceeding is not labeled modern Title IV.

Sources

1. Evening Star reports on Gilbert F. Williams, January–March 1898. The Evening Star; transcribed by Historic Congressional Cemetery · 1898-01-01 to 1898-03-15. Preserves allegations, defense and deposition reporting, PDF pages 261–266.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA / AW-124

Larry Smith / St. Albans: historical abuse allegations and settlements

Subject: Larry Smith; St. Albans School and Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation · **Role:** Lay fourth-grade teacher and camp operator

Setting: St. Albans School; Camp Sangamon allegations are related context. **Diocese:** Washington; St. Albans is a Cathedral Foundation school

Category: Historical child sexual abuse allegations; settlements and safeguarding review

Conduct / complaint period: Mid-twentieth century; reported school and camp incidents span the 1950s–1970s

Source basis: AW account of the Cathedral Foundation review and settlements; institutional response published in 2019

Lay or institutional record; no Title IV clergy proceeding established.

Latest known outcome	Historical allegations and two reported settlements; broader institutional findings and response publicly disclosed. No case-specific criminal disposition located.

Status date: 2022-06-17

What was reported

AW reported six former St. Albans students' allegations of sexual abuse or sexualized touching by Larry Smith, including incidents at school, on trips and at his Vermont camp. It reported settlement agreements with two former students in 2009 and 2010. These accounts formed part of a wider Cathedral Foundation safeguarding review. The foundation and school leaders publicly apologized for historical abuse, reported allegations to authorities and announced counseling and institutional safeguards.

Response

No individual response from Smith was located. The institutions' 2019 statement acknowledged historical failures and also said the review received no allegations against then-current employees.

Public-record limits

The original detailed review was inaccessible through its current link. Smith-specific accounts and settlement dates are attributed to AW. The foundation's wider findings cover multiple institutions and must not all be attributed to Smith.

Sources

1. Spotlight on abuse: Episcopal lay teacher Larry Smith. *Anglican Watch* · 2022-06-17. Six reported accounts, school/camp connection and two settlement dates.

2. Cathedral Close leadership letters on independent investigation. Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde and Cathedral Close leaders; Anglican Ink reproduction · 2019-06-27. Institutional apology, broader findings, reporting, counseling and reforms. The text counts 16 former adults, not 16 students.

FLORIDA / AW-064

Lorne Coyle: admitted affair during Episcopal service and later Anglican sanction

Subject: D. Lorne Coyle · **Role:** Episcopal priest during the reported conduct; later minister of a breakaway congregation

Setting: Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach; later Christ Church, outside TEC. **Diocese:** Diocese of Central Florida; earlier Rhode Island service

Category: Admitted adult adultery; prior church handling and later non-TEC deposition

Conduct / complaint period: Before the reported 1991 discipline and again after the 1992 move to Florida; reportedly ended in 2000

Source basis: Attributed archival church reporting, media reports and/or identified primary records

Denominational affiliation changed between the conduct and the final reported sanction.

Latest known outcome	The reported 2009 deposition was outside TEC. It is recorded as subsequent history, not as an Episcopal Title IV judgment.

Status date: 2009-07-02

What was reported

Coyle publicly admitted a prolonged extramarital relationship after leaving the Episcopal Church. TCPalm reported that Rhode Island's bishop had disciplined him in 1991, after which he resumed the relationship while serving Trinity Episcopal in Vero Beach. The reported relationship ended in 2000. The connection to this index is that Episcopal-tenure conduct and handling; the later deposition came from Bishop John Guernsey after Coyle and his congregation had departed TEC.

Response

Coyle apologized and acknowledged that resuming misconduct after earlier discipline and a fresh start made his conduct particularly serious.

Public-record limits

The sources do not establish assault or coercion. They identify earlier Episcopal discipline without its formal instrument.

Sources

1. Vero Beach minister who had adulterous affair is defrocked. TCPalm; archived by BishopAccountability.org · 2009-07-02. Quotes Coyle and Guernsey on the Episcopal-era conduct and later sanction.

2. Minister of Christ Church of Vero Beach suspended. TCPalm extract reproduced by Three Rivers Episcopal · 2009-02-02. Preserves contemporaneous reporting of the public admission and initial suspension.

FLORIDA / AW-109

Orlando cathedral: gay parents challenge postponement of their child's baptism

Subject: Anthony (Tony) Clark and Cathedral Church of St. Luke leadership · **Role:** Dean and cathedral leadership; Bishop Greg Brewer's remedial response

Setting: Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Orlando. **Diocese:** Central Florida

Category: Alleged anti-LGBTQ exclusion from baptism; disputed reason for postponement

Conduct / complaint period: 2015-04–2015-05

Source basis: Parents' public account, bishop's pastoral letter and contemporary reporting presenting a contrary explanation.

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Cathedral leadership publicly affirmed that the baptism would proceed; this review did not establish its eventual ceremony date.

Status date: 2015-05-11

What was reported

Rich and Eric McCaffrey publicly complained that their child's scheduled baptism was postponed because they were a gay couple and some congregants objected. After meeting them, Bishop Greg Brewer supported proceeding; cathedral leadership affirmed the baptism. Brewer denied ordering the postponement, and the parents reported his apology for its handling. A later Anglican Ink account instead attributed the delay to a request for another officiating priest and failures of communication while the dean was away.

Response

Brewer denied responsibility for delaying the baptism and supported restoring it. The later staffing explanation remains a reported counteraccount, not an adjudicated finding.

Public-record limits

No Title IV complaint or finding was identified. Opposition attributed to some congregants is not imputed to the whole congregation.

Related records: AW-011.

Sources

1. Florida Gay Couple Denied Baptism for Son Will Meet With Bishop. The Advocate · 2015-05-07. Parents' account of postponement and alleged congregational opposition.

2. Orlando Episcopal Cathedral Will Baptize Gay Couple's Son After All. The Advocate; Trudy Ring · 2015-05-08. Parents describe supportive meeting with Brewer and his apology.

3. Pastoral letter from the Bishop of Central Florida on the baptism of children of gay parents. Bishop Greg Brewer; reproduced by Anglican Ink · 2015-05-11. Bishop denies ordering postponement and confirms cathedral leadership's support.

4. Bishop resigns from seminary board following Orlando baptism flap. Anglican Ink · 2015-06-23. Reports a staffing and communication explanation for the original postponement.

FLORIDA / AW-108

Saint Andrew's School: alleged discrimination and retaliation against Scott Melton

Subject: Saint Andrew's School administration · **Role:** School administration and employer

Setting: Saint Andrew's School, Boca Raton. **Diocese:** Southeast Florida; independently governed Episcopal school

Category: Alleged homophobia, racial discrimination and whistleblower retaliation

Conduct / complaint period: 2015–2016

Source basis: Complainant and employee interviews; institutional response.

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Lawsuit reported in 2016; final disposition not located.

Status date: 2016-10-29

What was reported

Teacher Scott Melton alleged homophobia and racism at Saint Andrew's and retaliation after questioning its handling of suspected abuse. Placed on paid leave, he resigned in June 2016, citing a hostile workplace and inadequate communication. He sued for whistleblower retaliation; his lawyer separately alleged race and sexual-orientation discrimination. Other employees described similar concerns to South Florida Gay News.

Response

The school cited personnel confidentiality. Administrator Sara Rubinstein declined public comment; Melton reported that she denied an attributed anti-gay remark.

Public-record limits

No Title IV case identified. Resignation is distinguished from the article headline's description of firing.

Sources

1. Gay Whistleblower Fired from St. Andrew's School in Boca. South Florida Gay News / EDGE; Jason Parsley · 2016-10-29. Employment allegations and school response.

2. History & Episcopal Tradition. Saint Andrew's School · Undated. School's own account of its Episcopal identity and independent status.

FLORIDA / AW-009

John Howard: discrimination allegations resolved without discipline

Subject: John Howard · **Role:** Former bishop

Setting: Episcopal Diocese of Florida. **Diocese:** Florida

Category: Anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination

Conduct / complaint period: During episcopacy ending in 2023

Source basis: Public allegation or disciplinary record, with attributed responses and outcomes

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Resolved by accord without admission or Title IV discipline; separately released from ordained ministry at his request.

Status date: 2025-10-01

What was reported

The discrimination case alleged unequal treatment of a priest within a wider pattern affecting LGBTQ+ clergy and candidates. Howard denied discriminating against the complainant. The matter reached a hearing panel but ended in an accord approved in September 2025, without an admission or Title IV disciplinary consequences. Howard separately requested release and removal from ordained ministry, which was accepted on October 1. That voluntary departure was not a disciplinary sentence.

Response

Denied discrimination; declined to admit fault in the accord.

Public-record limits

Sexual-orientation discrimination is not classified as an allegation of sexual misconduct.

Related records: AW-010.

Sources

1. Referral of the Howard discrimination matter. Disciplinary Board for Bishops · 2024-06-07. Official referral records the discrimination complaint's progress to a hearing panel.

2. Howard discrimination and financial case documents. Episcopal News Service · 2025-02-03. Describes the two separate cases and Howard's written denials.

3. Presiding bishop's announcement ending the Howard cases. Episcopal Diocese of Florida / Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe · 2025-10-01. Confirms an accord without admission or disciplinary consequences and a separate voluntary release from ministry.

FLORIDA / AW-010

John Howard: financial allegations resolved without discipline

Subject: John Howard · **Role:** Former bishop

Setting: Episcopal Diocese of Florida and diocesan foundation. **Diocese:** Florida

Category: Financial management; alleged conflicts of interest

Conduct / complaint period: Transactions during episcopacy, including 2013–2021 and 2019

Source basis: Public allegation or disciplinary record, with attributed responses and outcomes

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Resolved by accord without admission or disciplinary consequences.

Status date: 2025-10-01

What was reported

A separate case challenged spending from Howard's discretionary account, a donor-funded compensation and pension arrangement, and forgiveness of a housing loan. Howard said the transactions were authorized, transparent, and properly documented. This case ended with the same September 2025 accord as the discrimination matter. The accord imposed no disciplinary consequences and required no admission. The allegations therefore remain allegations, despite the extensive documentary record.

Response

Denied wrongdoing and asserted diocesan authorization and documentation.

Public-record limits

A separate financial matter, cross-linked to the shared accord; not a criminal finding.

Related records: AW-009.

Sources

1. Howard discrimination and financial case documents. Episcopal News Service · 2025-02-03. Describes the two separate cases and Howard's written denials.

2. Howard response to financial allegations. John Howard / The Episcopal Church · 2024-08-19. Howard argues that the challenged transactions were authorized, transparent, and documented.

3. Presiding bishop's announcement ending the Howard cases. Episcopal Diocese of Florida / Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe · 2025-10-01. Confirms an accord without admission or disciplinary consequences and a separate voluntary release from ministry.

FLORIDA / AW-011

Tony Clark: Texas deposition and later Florida investigative findings

Subject: Tony Clark · **Role:** Former cathedral dean; later rector

Setting: Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Orlando; St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Beaumont. **Diocese:** Dioceses of Central Florida and Texas

Category: Sexual misconduct involving adults; abuse of pastoral authority

Conduct / complaint period: Cathedral tenure 2006–2015; later Texas ministry

Source basis: Public official records and/or attributed media reporting

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Deposed; the August 2024 letter also said the cathedral continued to invite additional information.

Status date: 2024-08-04

What was reported

An official cathedral letter reports that Texas had deposed Clark for sexual misconduct by 2021. After additional allegations involving his earlier Orlando ministry emerged in 2023, the cathedral commissioned an investigation. Its August 2024 announcement said the inquiry found sexual misconduct involving adults and misuse of clerical power. This entry records those attributed church and investigative findings. The public letter withholds details to protect the affected people.

Response

The cathedral said Clark declined the investigator's invitation to discuss the allegations.

Public-record limits

The source reports church and investigative findings, not a criminal judgment. It says his 2015 cathedral departure was unrelated to these later-disclosed allegations.

Related records: AW-109.

Sources

1. Letter to the cathedral family. Cathedral Church of St. Luke and Diocese of Central Florida · 2024-08-04. Documents the Texas deposition, Florida inquiry, findings and response.

FLORIDA / AW-093

St. Mark's, Fort Lauderdale: workplace harassment and retaliation allegations

Subject: St. Mark's Episcopal Church and School; Right2Protect, LLC · **Role:** Church-school employer and contracted security employer; alleged co-worker conduct

Setting: Episcopal Church of Saint Mark the Evangelist and St. Mark's Episcopal School, Fort Lauderdale. **Diocese:** Diocese of Southeast Florida

Category: Alleged workplace sexual harassment, failure to investigate and retaliation

Conduct / complaint period: 2024–2025

Source basis: Public civil-court order describing allegations and pleading deficiencies

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Latest retrieved order permits amendment. No subsequent amendment or final disposition was established.

Status date: 2026-08-29

What was reported

Security officer Ernest Rasheen Admiral alleged unwelcome touching, sexual gestures and comments by a co-worker at St. Mark's School. He said his June 2024 report did not produce a formal investigation and alleged that his August 2025 termination was retaliatory. He sued the church corporation and Right2Protect as alleged joint employers. The court's recitation of his allegations is not a finding that harassment or retaliation occurred.

Response

Defendants sought dismissal. Admiral's pleading described contract problems and an alleged lie to a parent as explanations given for his termination.

Public-record limits

The court found the pleaded facts insufficient; it did not determine that all underlying events were false. No clergy respondent or Title IV process was established.

Sources

1. Admiral v. The Episcopal Church of Saint Mark the Evangelist, Inc., et al., Document 38. U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida; reproduced by Justia · 2026-08-29. Primary order records allegations, defenses and dismissal with leave to amend.

2. The Episcopal Church. St. Mark's Episcopal Church · Undated. Confirms the church and school's affiliation with Southeast Florida.

FLORIDA / AW-012

Matthew Machowski: reported infidelity allegations

Subject: Matthew Machowski · **Role:** Rector at the time of reporting

Setting: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Coconut Grove. **Diocese:** Southeast Florida; earlier Virginia connection

Category: Alleged adultery / adult sexual conduct

Conduct / complaint period: Reported conduct before and after ordination; precise dates not public

Source basis: *Anglican Watch* account of an unnamed source; underlying claims not independently confirmed

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Public allegation; a possible future Title IV complaint was discussed. Actual filing or disciplinary outcome was not established.

Status date: 2026-03

What was reported

Anglican Watch reported a source's allegations of repeated adultery during Machowski's marriage. Its article expressly said the publication had been unable to confirm the incidents described.

Response

The article reported no immediate response to its request for comment.

Public-record limits

No finding or admission is claimed. The allegation concerns fidelity, not sexual orientation; it is not classified as assault or child abuse.

Disclosure. The cited article discloses Bonetti's former membership at Grace, where Machowski earlier served, and states Bonetti was not involved in that article's production.

Sources

1. Published allegation and verification limit. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-03. Reports an unnamed source's allegations and expressly states they were unconfirmed.

FLORIDA / AW-103

Mark S. Anderson: relationship and financial allegations

Subject: Mark S. Anderson · **Role:** Vicar and priest

Setting: St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville. **Diocese:** Florida

Category: Adult relationship; alleged dishonesty and financial misrepresentation; complaint handling

Conduct / complaint period: Events described in divorce records and 2026 reporting; exact dates vary

Source basis: AW reporting on court filings and its own disciplinary complaint; official cathedral biography

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Reported intake-designation dispute and appeal; no final Title IV outcome located. The reviewed sources do not establish criminal charges or a criminal judgment. The cathedral staff page lists Anderson as vicar.

Status date: 2026-11-15

What was reported

AW reported that Anderson's divorce testimony acknowledged a committed relationship while he remained married. It also alleged that inconsistent descriptions of a family transfer as a mortgage gift and a marital loan raised mortgage-fraud or perjury concerns, and reported emotional abuse allegations. Those characterizations remain allegations; an acknowledged relationship or inconsistent accounts do not by themselves establish the alleged legal violations. AW is both the reporting organization and a disciplinary complainant and has sought intervention over access to the divorce record.

Response

As reported by AW, Anderson's court position treated the transfer as a loan despite the lender's gift documentation. He sought to seal divorce records. No adjudication of the reported misconduct was located.

Public-record limits

Do not present AW's fraud or perjury allegations as charges, findings or admissions. A request to seal family-court records is not itself proof of wrongdoing. The editor's participation in the dispute is material context.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* is a disciplinary complainant in this matter. Its editor, Eric Bonetti, has also participated in litigation concerning public access to Anderson's divorce records. Those roles are material context because *Anglican Watch* reporting supplies much of this entry.

Sources

1. Anderson relationship and financial allegations. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-07-17. Allegations attributed to divorce testimony and financial documents; includes respondent's reported loan position.

2. Title IV intake-designation dispute. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-08-20. Publisher reports its complaint, intake response, existing complaint and appeal.

3. Public-access hearing update. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-08-18. Reports deferred ruling in access litigation, not a misconduct adjudication.

4. October Anderson follow-up. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-10-28. Restates the relationship issue and expressly says the dean's reporting was not established.

5. Official cathedral staff biography. St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville · Undated; checked 2026-11-15. Identifies Anderson as vicar responsible for daily operations, staff, worship and pastoral care.

GEORGIA / AW-013

Robert Wright: workplace complaint dismissed

Subject: Robert Wright · **Role:** Bishop of Atlanta

Setting: Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing. **Diocese:** Atlanta

Category: Workplace conduct and use of authority

Conduct / complaint period: Workplace relationship through 2023

Source basis: Public allegation or disciplinary record, with attributed responses and outcomes

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Dismissed with pastoral response; published explanation says no offense was demonstrated.

Status date: 2024-06-14

What was reported

The center's former director accused Wright of ageism, ableism, microaggressions, and abuse of authority. The reference panel dismissed the complaint with pastoral response. In a June update, Wright published an excerpt stating that the allegations did not demonstrate that he exceeded his authority or committed an offense. He also defended changes to the center's governance and staffing. No disciplinary finding against Wright is established by this record.

Response

Defended his management decisions and published the favorable dismissal explanation.

Public-record limits

The complaint's public allegations are not disciplinary findings.

Sources

1. Disclosure of five Title IV matters involving presiding bishop candidates. The Episcopal Church · 2024-06-13. Official disclosure identifying the complaints and their procedural dispositions.

2. Tensions flare publicly between former Absalom Jones Center director and Atlanta bishop. Episcopal News Service · 2024-03-19. Describes the workplace allegations and includes both sides' public accounts.

3. Wright statement on the Center for Racial Healing. Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta · 2024-06-14. Publishes the bishop's response and an excerpt explaining the complaint's dismissal.

ILLINOIS / AW-090

John Rumple and Paula Clark: exclusion and complaint handling

Subject: John G. Rumple; Paula Clark's related complaint handling · **Role:** Rumple: rector at the time; Clark: bishop of Chicago

Setting: Grace Episcopal Church, Oak Park; Diocese of Chicago. **Diocese:** Diocese of Chicago

Category: Alleged spiritual abuse and exclusion; bishop complaint handling

Conduct / complaint period: 2024–2025

Source basis: Named complainant's published account

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Rumple accord and Clark appeal outcome reported; completion of the meeting and apology not established.

Status date: 2025-12-04

What was reported

Complainant Stan-lee C. Kaderbek said Rumple barred him from communion, ministries and church property after criticism, then withdrew the ban and resigned. Kaderbek reported an accord with Rumple and inadequate pastoral response. He also described a complaint against Clark: dismissed at intake, then upheld on appeal with a direction that she meet him and apologize after Rumple's case ended.

Response

Rumple reportedly called him divisive and rescinded the ban. No separate Clark response located.

Public-record limits

First-person account; primary decisions unavailable. The reported appellate direction is not independently verified.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* published the complainant's guest account.

Sources

1. Guest post: Title IV tribulations. Stan-lee C. Kaderbek, published by *Anglican Watch* · 2025-12-04. Complainant's account of both proceedings.

INDIANA / AW-065

Victor von Kubinyi: parish borrowing allegations and 1918 departure

Subject: Victor Alexander von Kubinyi · **Role:** Priest-in-charge

Setting: Holy Trinity Hungarian Mission, South Bend. **Diocese:** Northern Indiana

Category: Alleged financial exploitation; unpaid parishioner loans

Conduct / complaint period: Before his 1918 departure

Source basis: Diocesan archive history, linked to correspondence files.

Historical renunciation/deposition; governing Title IV designation not established.

Latest known outcome	Renunciation and deposition in 1918; financial allegation not adjudicated in the reviewed account.

Status date: 1918-11-15

What was reported

The diocesan archive's history records Bishop John Hazen White's accusation that Kubinyi borrowed $10,000 from parishioners who could ill afford it and then departed, leaving them with the loss. Kubinyi renounced Episcopal ministry in September 1918 and was deposed that November. The archive explicitly leaves unresolved whether the borrowing amounted to theft; it does not describe a merits judgment on that allegation.

Response

No direct response to White's financial allegation was located.

Public-record limits

The deposition followed renunciation; it is not treated as a theft conviction. Later activity in other denominations is outside this entry.

Sources

1. Rev. Victor Alexander von Kubinyi. Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana Archives; John David Beatty · Updated 2023-07-26. Documents White's allegation and the renunciation/deposition dates.

KENTUCKY / AW-066

Christopher B. Platt: financial presentment and church tribunal finding

Subject: Christopher B. Platt · **Role:** Bishop's assistant and university chaplain

Setting: Diocese of Lexington; St. Augustine's Chapel, University of Kentucky. **Diocese:** Lexington

Category: Financial misconduct; church tribunal

Conduct / complaint period: Financial transactions investigated through March 2003, including 2002 checks

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	A church tribunal guilty finding was publicly reported in April 2004. A final sentence or appellate disposition was not located; neither a pending case nor a completed deposition is established.

Status date: 2004-04-22

What was reported

Lexington's standing committee issued a 2003 presentment alleging that Platt misappropriated diocesan and chapel funds and concealed personal transactions. The charges were crime and conduct unbecoming clergy under the then-current Title IV. At the April 2004 trial, diocesan officials alleged almost $50,000 in improper spending. Platt's lawyer disputed criminal intent and said he believed the payments were authorized. The Lexington Herald-Leader subsequently reported that the tribunal found him guilty of both offenses. The final ecclesiastical sanction and any appeal were not located in the consulted public material.

Response

Platt and his lawyer denied theft and immoral conduct, argued that he believed the checks were permitted, and described money repaid to the diocese as repayment of a loan.

Public-record limits

Pre-July 2011 framework. The presentment is a charging document; the finding comes from contemporary newspaper reporting. The archival newspaper PDF was search-indexed, but its size prevented full retrieval. No secular criminal conviction is asserted.

Sources

1. Presentment: In the Matter of Christopher B. Platt. Diocese of Lexington / The Archives of the Episcopal Church · 2003-06-23. Primary charging document identifies the Title IV offenses and alleged transactions.

2. Kentucky: Episcopal Diocese presents theft case against priest. Lexington Herald-Leader reporting reproduced by VirtueOnline · 2004-04-20. Contemporary trial account includes both diocesan allegations and Platt's defense.

3. Panel finds priest guilty. Lexington Herald-Leader, archived by the University of Alabama · 2004-04-23. Frank E. Lockwood's contemporary article reports the tribunal's two guilty findings.

KENTUCKY / AW-117

Woodcock Foundation: chairman and spouse's misuse of scholarship funds

Subject: Charles Muir and Diana Muir · **Role:** Charles: foundation chairman; Diana: owner of the business used to move funds

Setting: Woodcock Foundation / Louisville Episcopal Church Education Foundation. **Diocese:** Kentucky; Episcopal-affiliated foundation in Louisville

Category: Misappropriation of charitable funds; money laundering; fiduciary misconduct

Conduct / complaint period: April 2007–June 2011

Source basis: Federal plea and sentencing announcements, with contemporaneous reporting of defense and foundation statements

Lay or institutional record; no Title IV clergy proceeding established.

Latest known outcome	Guilty pleas and prison sentences established. Completion of imprisonment, supervision and restitution was not independently verified.

Status date: 2015-04-28

What was reported

Charles and Diana Muir admitted transferring $1,141,030 taken from the Episcopal-affiliated scholarship foundation, using Diana's dental business to conceal transactions. Charles was the foundation's chairman; Diana's role was through the business, not an established church office. Both pleaded guilty in 2014 to interstate transportation of stolen property and money laundering. The 2015 sentences, rather than the earlier proposed plea terms, supply this entry's final documented disposition.

Response

Both pleaded guilty. Diana's lawyer said she did not know the money came from the Woodcock Foundation.

Public-record limits

The defendants' distinct roles are preserved. Neither these convictions nor the chairman's position establishes misconduct by every foundation trustee or the diocese.

Sources

1. Former foundation chairman and spouse plead guilty. U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Kentucky · 2014-07-10. Confirms pleas, the amount, conduct dates and agreed restitution.

2. Former foundation chairman and spouse sentenced. U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Kentucky · 2015-04-28. Establishes the actual sentences imposed, superseding the earlier proposed sentencing schedule.

3. Plea hearing report: the Muirs. WLKY · 2014-07-10. Includes defense and foundation responses.

LOUISIANA / AW-116

St. Luke's, New Orleans: senior warden's financial misconduct

Subject: Charles Williams Jr. · **Role:** Senior warden responsible for church finances

Setting: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, New Orleans. **Diocese:** Diocese of Louisiana

Category: Financial fraud, concealed records and misuse of parish funds

Conduct / complaint period: Before the August 2018 FBI interview; exact beginning not established

Source basis: U.S. Department of Justice announcements of the guilty plea and sentence

Lay or institutional record; no Title IV clergy proceeding established.

Latest known outcome	Conviction and 2021 sentence established. Completion of imprisonment, supervision and restitution was not independently verified.

Status date: 2021-05-12

What was reported

Federal prosecutors described Williams taking control of parish finances, restricting other members' access to records and diverting approximately $89,000, including money used for his restaurant. He pleaded guilty to wire fraud in December 2019. This is a lay governance case involving misuse of a senior warden's financial authority. The subsequent sentence is documented; the account does not attribute his conduct to the entire vestry or congregation.

Response

Williams entered a guilty plea. Prosecutors also described earlier false explanations given to FBI investigators; those statements are distinguished from his later plea.

Public-record limits

The entry records the court outcome and the financial-control conduct described by prosecutors. It does not establish wrongdoing by other parish leaders or current parish practices.

Sources

1. Former New Orleans Church Official Pleads Guilty to Wire Fraud. U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Louisiana · 2019-12-19. Confirms the plea and describes control of accounts, concealed statements and diversion of funds.

2. Former New Orleans Church Official Sentenced for Wire Fraud. U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Louisiana · 2021-05-12. Confirms the imprisonment, supervised release and restitution imposed.

MAINE / AW-067

Edward C. Chalfant: admitted affair, leave and resignation

Subject: Edward C. Chalfant · **Role:** Diocesan bishop

Setting: Diocese of Maine. **Diocese:** Diocese of Maine

Category: Admitted adult extramarital relationship; breach of ecclesiastical and marriage vows

Conduct / complaint period: Before April 1996; precise dates not disclosed

Source basis: Attributed archival church reporting, media reports and/or identified primary records

A contemporaneous official account distinguishes this pastoral and resignation process from formal Title IV proceedings.

Latest known outcome	Resignation in May 1996 is the documented outcome of this matter. The cited sources do not establish his present ministry status.

Status date: 1996-05

What was reported

The Diocese of Maine disclosed that Chalfant had an intimate extramarital relationship with an adult laywoman. Its standing committee characterized his conduct as a breach of his marriage and ecclesiastical vows and a serious injury to diocesan trust. He initially agreed to a year's leave intended to allow reconciliation. After further review and consultation with Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning, the standing committee concluded that he should resign.

Response

Chalfant accepted responsibility, apologized to the diocese and his family, and later said uncertainty about a possible return should not impede diocesan work.

Public-record limits

The reporting describes an adult affair; it does not establish assault or coercion. No formal presentment was pending when the leave was announced.

Sources

1. Bishop of Maine takes leave after admitting an extramarital relationship. Episcopal News Service · 1996-04-19. Reports the admission, leave, apology and absence of a formal presentment.

2. USA: Bishop of Maine resigns. Anglican Communion News Service · 1996-06-19. Confirms the May resignation and standing committee's conclusion.

3. Disciplinary rules for bishops achieve equity for clergy. Episcopal News Service · 1997-08-06. Places the Chalfant and Plummer matters outside the formal process then described.

MARYLAND / AW-068

Samuel Lee Edwards: unlicensed-ministry presentment; trial cancelled after renunciation

Subject: Samuel Lee Edwards · **Role:** Priest selected by the vestry as rector; election rejected by the diocesan bishop

Setting: Christ Church and St. John's Parish, Accokeek. **Diocese:** Fort Worth; disputed ministry in Washington

Category: Unlicensed ministry; episcopal authority; cancelled church trial

Conduct / complaint period: 2000–2002

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	The church trial was cancelled after renunciation. The consulted account does not report a trial finding on the surviving charge or a completed deposition order.

Status date: 2002-06-27

What was reported

The dispute concerned Edwards's attempt to serve as rector in Accokeek after Bishop Jane Holmes Dixon rejected his election. Washington clergy brought three canonical charges. Fort Worth, where Edwards remained canonically resident, referred one charge to trial, rejected another, and recorded the withdrawal of the third. The surviving charge concerned ministry beyond the permitted period without a diocesan license. Edwards and the vestry disputed Dixon's authority and timing. Federal courts upheld her authority; the separate church trial was cancelled when Edwards renounced his Episcopal ministry in June 2002.

Response

Edwards and the vestry argued that Dixon had failed to object within the canonical time limit. Edwards later denounced the denomination's treatment of him. Bishop Jack Iker supported his criticism of the process and said a deposition following the renunciation would require standing-committee consent.

Public-record limits

Pre-July 2011 framework. The federal judgment and the untried disciplinary charge are separate proceedings. Two of the original charges were withdrawn or dismissed.

Sources

1. Court of Appeals Affirms Bishop Dixon in Accokeek Case. Episcopal News Service · 2002-05-23. Reports the licensing dispute, opposing canonical arguments, civil appeal and pending church trial.

2. Dixon v. Edwards, 290 F.3d 699. U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, reproduced by Justia · 2002-05-22. Civil appellate decision; also records the three charges and Fort Worth's partial presentment.

3. Controversial Maryland Priest Renounces ECUSA Orders. Episcopal News Service · 2002-06-27. Reports renunciation, cancellation of trial and the stated next canonical step.

MARYLAND / AW-014

Maryland: scrutiny of the process that selected Heather Cook

Subject: Maryland bishop-search and standing-committee oversight · **Role:** Clergy and lay governance bodies involved in bishop selection

Setting: Bishop-search committee, standing committee and diocesan leadership. **Diocese:** Maryland

Category: Governance / screening and disclosure concerns

Conduct / complaint period: 2013-2014 selection process; public scrutiny in 2014-2015

Source basis: Contemporary reporting quoting the diocesan timeline and explanations

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	The wider church reviewed impairment and leadership practices. No adjudicated finding against each committee member is established here.

Status date: 2018-04-21

What was reported

Public scrutiny focused on what leaders knew of Cook's prior impaired-driving arrest and what electors were told before her election. Reporting described search leadership knowing the history and a standing committee informed that a candidate had a prior DUI.

Response

The diocese said it conducted background and psychological checks and regarded the earlier incident as a mistake that should not automatically bar consideration.

Public-record limits

This oversight record is separate from Cook's criminal and disciplinary proceedings. Committee membership alone does not establish what an individual knew or did.

Related records: AW-015.

Sources

1. Diocesan explanation of screening. Episcopal News Service · 2015-01-08. Quotes the diocese's account of disclosure, checks and selection.

2. Reported diocesan timeline. Baltimore Brew · 2015-02-03. Explains the respective stages at which selection bodies learned of the earlier arrest.

3. Churchwide review of impairment and leadership. Episcopal News Service · 2018-04-21. Reports the institutional policy review following the tragedy.

MARYLAND / AW-015

Heather Cook: deposition following misconduct and misrepresentation allegations

Subject: Heather Cook · **Role:** Bishop suffragan of Maryland at the time

Setting: Episcopal Diocese of Maryland; earlier Diocese of Easton ministry. **Diocese:** Maryland; Easton

Category: Dangerous conduct; alleged dishonesty

Conduct / complaint period: December 27, 2014 collision; earlier alleged representations during ministry and candidacy

Source basis: Public allegation or disciplinary record, with attributed responses and outcomes

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Title IV matters resolved by accord providing for deposition.

Status date: 2015-05-01

What was reported

Cook's Title IV restriction cited alleged conduct connected with the fatal Baltimore collision and alleged misrepresentations about her alcohol history during earlier ministry and her bishop candidacy. On May 1, 2015, the church announced an accord providing for deposition and resolving the ecclesiastical matters. Her employment resignation was a separate action. This record addresses the church disciplinary process; the criminal case belongs in the linked criminal catalog.

Response

Accepted the accord providing for deposition; the reviewed notice does not separately resolve each alleged misrepresentation.

Public-record limits

The public accord announcement does not publish individualized findings on every alleged representation. Criminal and employment outcomes remain distinct.

Related records: AW-014.

Sources

1. Restriction of Heather Cook's ministry. The Episcopal Church · 2015-02-10. Official notice identifies alleged criminal conduct and alleged misrepresentations about alcohol history.

2. Dual actions end Cook's ordained ministry and employment. Episcopal News Service · 2015-05-01. Reproduces the official deposition announcement and distinguishes church, employment, and criminal processes.

MARYLAND / AW-016

Santosh Marray: bullying allegations and concluded complaints

Subject: Santosh K. Marray · **Role:** Bishop of Easton during the reported events

Setting: Diocese of Easton. **Diocese:** Easton

Category: Bullying; alleged retaliation against dissenters; misrepresentation; alleged discrimination

Conduct / complaint period: Reported episodes from 2019 onward; complaints filed July 2023 and February 2024

Source basis: Official diocesan statements; Episcopal News Service reporting of churchwide case notices; attributed *Anglican Watch* reporting.

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Both publicly listed Title IV matters concluded with pastoral responses on January 21, 2025. The diocesan chancellor separately described the outcome as a decision that Marray committed no Title IV offenses.

Status date: 2025-02-11

What was reported

Anglican Watch reported bullying and threatened reprisals against dissenting convention delegates, later adding allegations of discrimination against women and LGBTQ+ clergy. Two publicly listed complaints concerned public statements, behavior and misrepresentations. Their descriptions do not establish whether the broader discrimination allegations were included.

Response

Marray reportedly called the allegations fabrications. The diocesan chancellor said the reference panel determined that Marray committed no Title IV offenses.

Public-record limits

The complete determinations were not retrieved. This entry reports both public outcome descriptions without treating them as an independently reviewed hearing judgment. The broader discrimination allegations are not established as subjects of either complaint.

Sources

1. Reported bullying, threatened reprisals and denial. *Anglican Watch* · 2024-05-15; updated 2024-06-22. Reports bullying, denunciations of clergy and threatened publication of dissenting delegates' names; also reports Marray's denial.

2. Complaints referred to conciliation. Episcopal News Service · 2024-05-30. Describes the two publicly listed complaints and their referral to conciliation.

3. Reported closure with pastoral responses. Episcopal News Service · 2025-02-11. Reports January 21, 2025 determinations concluding both matters with pastoral responses and notes that no further resolution details were provided.

4. Diocesan statement on the concluded matters. Diocese of Easton · 2025-02-11. Publishes the chancellor's no-offenses description and the earlier standing-committee statement about conciliation and cooperation.

5. Later discrimination allegations and criticism of the process. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-10-27; updated 2026-11-12. Critiques the differing public descriptions and alleges marginalization of women and LGBTQ+ clergy; acknowledges uncertainty about whether those allegations entered the proceedings.

MASSACHUSETTS / AW-069

David Johnson: posthumous disclosure of affairs and alleged exploitation

Subject: David E. Johnson · **Role:** Bishop; previously parish priest

Setting: Diocese of Massachusetts; earlier St. Boniface's, Sarasota. **Diocese:** Massachusetts; earlier parish ministry in Southwest Florida

Category: Adult extramarital relationships / alleged sexual exploitation / disclosure and response

Conduct / complaint period: Multiple periods of his ministry; precise dates not publicly specified

Source basis: Public statement by church leadership and standing committee; contemporaneous national reporting

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Posthumous public disclosure and pastoral response; no completed church adjudication established.

Status date: 1995-02-09 report of the January disclosure and subsequent response

What was reported

After Johnson's death, Episcopal leaders announced that he had engaged in multiple extramarital relationships and that some appeared sexually exploitative. Contemporary reporting identified the women as adults and said no formal church charges had been filed. The disclosure followed women coming forward.

Response

Johnson had died before the public disclosures. Church leaders said detailed information remained limited, protected the women's identities and organized a pastoral response and confidential assistance.

Public-record limits

This records the church's public account and the women's reported allegations, not a tribunal judgment. The record does not identify every relationship or establish that every affair involved exploitation. No causal inference about Johnson's death is made.

Sources

1. Church statement and pastoral response. Episcopal News Service / Diocese of Massachusetts · 1995-02-09. Reproduces the January 26 disclosure and describes confidential assistance and pastoral-response planning.

2. Contemporaneous national coverage. The New York Times / SFGate · 1995-01-27. Reports the allegations, adult participants and the absence of formal charges at the time.

3. Subsequent safeguarding-policy coverage. The Spokesman-Review · 1995-08-08. Places the disclosures in contemporary discussion of church background-check and misconduct policies.

MASSACHUSETTS / AW-070

James Hiles: adultery findings, church appeal and deposition

Subject: James R. Hiles · **Role:** Rector and vicar

Setting: St. Paul's, Brockton; Church of Our Saviour, Milton. **Diocese:** Massachusetts

Category: Adultery / pastoral sexual misconduct / disciplinary procedure

Conduct / complaint period: Alleged relationships in the 1970s; proceedings from 1996

Source basis: Church appellate decision; contemporaneous news; civil appellate opinions

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Church findings affirmed on review; deposition reported. No later Episcopal restoration was established.

Status date: Deposition publicly confirmed 2000-10-03

What was reported

Three women parishioners accused Hiles of adulterous sexual relationships. The church trial court found eight canonical violations: six relationship-related counts and two concerning confidentiality and resort to secular courts to delay or hinder the disciplinary proceedings. The provincial Court of Review affirmed. Episcopal News Service later reported that Hiles had been defrocked.

Response

Hiles denied the allegations and claimed that the discipline was retaliation over control of a parish bequest. The diocese defended the church hearing and findings.

Public-record limits

This was a pre-2011 Title IV proceeding. Church findings are not criminal convictions. Later ministry in another Anglican jurisdiction would not establish restoration in The Episcopal Church. The separate civil claims concerning diocesan conduct have their own entry.

Related records: AW-071.

Sources

1. Church Court of Review decision. Province I Court of Review / Episcopal Archives · Historical decision; archive copy. Affirms the eight canonical findings and identifies the applicable former Title IV provisions.

2. Contemporaneous report confirming deposition. Episcopal News Service · 2000-10-03. Reports Hiles's defrocking and supporters' claim that the action was retaliatory.

3. Hiles's challenge and the diocesan response. Associated Press / Midland Reporter-Telegram · 2002-02-12. Reports Hiles's denial and retaliation allegation, and the diocese's defense of its hearing.

4. Historical reconstruction and source trail. Arlie Coles, Detestable Enormities · 2025-03-17. Reconstructs the 1997-1998 church proceedings with citations to contemporary records.

MASSACHUSETTS / AW-071

Massachusetts diocesan leadership: Hiles's retaliation and assault allegations

Subject: M. Thomas Shaw, Barbara C. Harris and related diocesan defendants · **Role:** Bishop, suffragan bishop and diocesan governance body

Setting: Diocesan bishops and standing committee; Church of Our Saviour, Milton. **Diocese:** Massachusetts

Category: Alleged retaliation / false accusations / assault / institutional authority

Conduct / complaint period: Disputed events in 1995-1996; civil appeal decided in 2002

Source basis: Allegations reproduced in appellate opinions; contemporaneous reporting; church appellate response

Historical handling allegations linked to Hiles's clergy discipline; the civil suit was not itself a Title IV proceeding.

Latest known outcome	In 2002 the state's highest court upheld dismissal of the challenged claims, while affirming remand of the assault-and-battery claim and related consortium claim. Their later disposition was not established.

Status date: 2002-08-15

What was reported

In civil litigation, James Hiles alleged that diocesan actors used false adultery accusations to pressure a mission church over its bequest. He separately alleged that Bishop Shaw struck him with a pen and threatened removal. The standing committee and Bishop Harris were defendants to specified institutional claims, not to the alleged physical act.

Response

The diocese defended the legitimacy of Hiles's discipline. In rejecting Hiles's confidentiality defense, the church Court of Review found no evidentiary support for his claim that he was responding to diocesan defamation.

Public-record limits

Dismissal grounds varied, including church-autonomy and evidentiary grounds. The survival of an assault claim was not a finding that Shaw committed assault. A Title IV complaint against these diocesan actors was not established. Hiles's adverse church judgment is retained in the related record.

Related records: AW-070.

Sources

1. Final state appellate decision on the civil claims. Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court / Justia · 2002-08-15. Recounts the allegations, distinguishes dismissal grounds and preserves remand of the assault-related counts.

2. Earlier appeal and the allegations against diocesan actors. Massachusetts Appeals Court / Justia · 2001-03-28. Records the disputed 1995-1996 events; its partial reinstatement of claims was superseded by the 2002 ruling.

3. Church appellate response to Hiles's challenges. Province I Court of Review / Episcopal Archives · Historical decision; archive copy. Affirms the church findings and discusses Hiles's defamation defense.

MASSACHUSETTS / AW-091

Massachusetts: Sandy Williams's discrimination and retaliation allegations

Subject: Diocese of Massachusetts and M. Thomas Shaw · **Role:** Diocesan employer and bishop; allegations also concerned an earlier administration

Setting: Diocesan deaf ministry; St. Andrew's Mission for the Deaf, Brookline. **Diocese:** Diocese of Massachusetts

Category: Alleged sex discrimination, unequal compensation, exclusion and retaliation

Conduct / complaint period: 1989–1997

Source basis: Published trial and appellate judicial opinions summarizing the pleadings, response and procedural result

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Dismissal affirmed under the constitutional protection for a church's ministerial employment decisions; the courts did not decide whether the alleged discriminatory conduct occurred.

Status date: 2002-04-25

What was reported

Priest Sandy Williams alleged that the diocese paid and treated her less favorably than male clergy and responded to her complaints with reduced benefits, threats to her position and exclusion from decisions about her ministry. She resigned in 1997 and later sued the diocese and Bishop M. Thomas Shaw. Her account also described conduct under Shaw's predecessor, David E. Johnson; the allegations should not all be attributed personally to Shaw.

Response

The defendants denied the allegations and argued that constitutional protections for church decisions about ministers barred the lawsuit.

Public-record limits

The civil dismissal is not a factual exoneration or discrimination finding. This is distinct from the Hiles-related allegations involving Shaw. No Title IV proceeding concerning Williams's allegations was established in the reviewed sources.

Sources

1. Williams v. Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 13 Mass. L. Rptr. 289. Massachusetts Superior Court; reproduced by HallApproved · 2001-06-08. Describes Williams's allegations, the defendants' denial, and the trial dismissal.

2. Williams v. Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 436 Mass. 574. Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court; reproduced by FindLaw · 2002-04-25. Affirms dismissal without adjudicating the truth of the discrimination allegations.

MASSACHUSETTS / AW-017

Gayle Harris: unverified accounts presented as firsthand

Subject: Gayle Harris · **Role:** Bishop suffragan at the time

Setting: House of Bishops / General Convention. **Diocese:** Massachusetts

Category: Misrepresentation / admitted reporting failure

Conduct / complaint period: July 2018

Source basis: Harris's own published apology

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Public acknowledgment and apology; no Title IV disposition established by the cited source.

Status date: 2018-08-17

What was reported

Harris acknowledged repeating unverified stories about events in Israel and framing them as if she had witnessed them. The account belongs under misleading statements, without requiring a criminal or disciplinary charge.

Response

Harris apologized and said the framing was unintentional. Bishop Alan Gates affirmed the apology and acknowledged harm to Jewish relationships.

Public-record limits

This is an admitted failure to verify and accurately frame accounts, not a finding of deliberate fabrication or perjury.

Sources

1. Bishops' statements of apology. Diocese of Massachusetts · 2018-08-17. Contains Harris's explanation and Gates's response.

MASSACHUSETTS / AW-120

Michael Rehill: alleged intimidation in a church-case privacy dispute

Subject: Michael F. Rehill · **Role:** Lay attorney representing the clergy respondent

Setting: Douglas Anderson disciplinary hearing; Church of the Advent, Boston; St. James, Texarkana. **Diocese:** Massachusetts proceeding concerning earlier Dallas ministry

Category: Alleged intimidation of a complainant; dispute over identifying information

Conduct / complaint period: 2023

Source basis: Attributed commentary on reported hearing-panel filings

Lay or institutional record; no Title IV clergy proceeding established.

Latest known outcome	Protective ruling reported; no separate adjudication of wrongful intimidation by Rehill established.

Status date: 2023-03-08

What was reported

Anglican Watch alleged that Rehill's efforts to place a sexual-misconduct complainant's identity in the public record were intended to intimidate her. It reported that the hearing panel protected her identity and rejected his redaction arguments. The attribution matters: the allegation about motive is the publication's characterization of counsel's conduct, not an attorney-disciplinary finding. The underlying allegations against his client are separately indexed.

Response

According to the report, Rehill challenged redaction restrictions and requested publication of his correspondence. No separate response to the publication's intimidation allegation was located.

Public-record limits

Advocacy over disclosure is not inherently misconduct. The historical filings were not independently retrieved from the current diocesan page.

Disclosure. AW publicly advocated for complainant privacy and criticized defense counsel.

Related records: AW-099.

Sources

1. Attorney Michael Rehill tries to intimidate female victim in church abuse case. *Anglican Watch* · 2023-03-08; current page reviewed 2026-11-15. Reports and criticizes the redaction dispute.

2. Hearing panel documents. Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts · Undated. Current page does not supply the historical filings linked in AW's article.

MASSACHUSETTS / AW-018

Alan Gates: removal of a priest's collar during worship

Subject: Alan Gates · **Role:** Bishop of Massachusetts at the time

Setting: Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston. **Diocese:** Massachusetts

Category: Humiliation; misuse of authority; personal boundaries

Conduct / complaint period: 2024-03-30

Source basis: Public allegation or disciplinary record, with attributed responses and outcomes

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Concluded after conciliation, with pastoral direction and pastoral response.

Status date: 2024-10-08

What was reported

During an Easter Vigil, Gates removed a female priest's collar insert in front of the congregation. He apologized publicly, acknowledged the humiliating impact, and said he had misused his authority and crossed personal boundaries. A Title IV matter proceeded to conciliation. In October 2024, the presiding bishop's designate issued concluding pastoral direction and the reference panel concluded the matter with pastoral response. The reviewed announcement did not disclose the conciliation terms.

Response

Acknowledged the act and its humiliating impact and issued a public apology.

Public-record limits

The reviewed sources do not disclose the terms of conciliation or support labeling the incident a sexual offense.

Sources

1. Gates apologizes for removing a priest's collar. Episcopal News Service · 2024-04-15. Describes the recorded incident and reproduces the bishop's acknowledgement and apology.

2. Disciplinary case concludes against Alan Gates. Episcopal News Service · 2024-10-22. Reports conciliation, concluding pastoral direction, and the October 8 pastoral-response resolution.

MICHIGAN / AW-072

Samuel McCoskry: adultery allegations and 1878 deposition

Subject: Samuel Allen McCoskry · **Role:** Bishop

Setting: Diocese of Michigan. **Diocese:** Michigan

Category: Adultery allegations; relinquishment and departure during unresolved allegations

Conduct / complaint period: Before the 1878 reports

Source basis: Contemporary newspapers and an official diocesan journal reproducing the deposition notice.

Official notice expressly cites Title I, Canon 15, section XVI.[1], not modern Title IV.

Latest known outcome	Deposed September 3, 1878; the reviewed notice does not adjudicate the underlying adultery allegation.

Status date: 1878-09-03

What was reported

Contemporary newspapers reported adultery allegations against McCoskry. A published account of his response disputed the authenticity of letters attributed to him. The official church notice later recited that he had relinquished episcopal office and left the United States while serious allegations about his moral character remained, declining to facilitate an investigation. The bishops deposed him on September 3, 1878. The notice establishes action based on relinquishment and abandonment, not an adjudicated finding that the reported sexual allegations were true.

Response

A contemporary report reproduced his challenge to the alleged letters and stated intention to contest the accusations.

Public-record limits

The official notice gives September 3, contrary to a December 3 date repeated in some later reference works. The church's relinquishment/deposition action is not treated as a sexual-misconduct conviction.

Sources

1. News item concerning Bishop McCoskry. The Clinton Independent; Clinton County archive · 1878-05-02. Page 1 reports adultery allegations and preparations for investigation.

2. Bishop McCoskry's reported response. The Galveston Daily News, reporting a New York Herald account; Portal to Texas History · 1878-05-07. Reproduces his challenge to the authenticity of the letters.

3. Journal of the Diocese of Virginia, notice of Bishop McCoskry's deposition. Episcopal Diocese of Virginia · 1879. Page 28 reproduces the September 3, 1878 sentence, rationale and governing canon.

MICHIGAN / AW-073

Hayward Ablewhite: church funds and 1939 deposition

Subject: Hayward Seller Ablewhite · **Role:** Bishop

Setting: Diocese of Northern Michigan. **Diocese:** Northern Michigan

Category: Financial misconduct; embezzlement

Conduct / complaint period: Before October 1939

Source basis: Contemporary church press; official convention journal and clerical directory.

Historical deposition at respondent's request; governing Title IV designation not established.

Latest known outcome	Deposed at his request on December 11, 1939. The church action is separate from the criminal sentence.

Status date: 1939-12-11

What was reported

Contemporary church reporting described missing diocesan funds and a specific charge involving $624 from a mission fund. The Living Church reported that Ablewhite entered a no-contest plea and received a prison sentence in October 1939. Earlier reporting that Presiding Bishop Tucker had absolved him was subsequently clarified: that statement concerned other losses, not the grounds for his resignation. The official convention journal records his later deposition at his written request.

Response

Ablewhite did not contest the criminal charge and requested deposition. The reviewed sources distinguish Tucker's earlier statement concerning other losses.

Public-record limits

The broader diocesan shortage is not treated as the amount of the specific criminal charge. No later restoration was located. Historical deposition is recorded without assuming a trial under modern Title IV.

Companion criminal catalog MI-01. Criminal and church outcomes are separate.

Sources

1. Bishop Ablewhite Given Sentence of 1–10 Years. The Living Church · 1939-10-18. Reports the plea, sentence and specific mission-fund charge on page 20.

2. Other Matters in Ablewhite Resignation. The Witness; Episcopal Church Archives · 1939-08-24. Clarifies that Tucker's earlier favorable statement concerned different losses.

3. Journal of the 53rd General Convention, special House of Bishops meetings. The Episcopal Church · 1940. Page 59 records deposition after Ablewhite's written request.

4. Stowe's Clerical Directory: Deprivations and Depositions. Stowe's Clerical Directory; Episcopal Church Archives · 1941. Lists Ablewhite's deposition date as December 11, 1939.

MICHIGAN / AW-019

Whayne Hougland Jr.: admitted affair, suspension and return to the House of Bishops

Subject: Whayne Hougland Jr. · **Role:** Bishop diocesan of Western Michigan and bishop provisional of Eastern Michigan

Setting: Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan. **Diocese:** Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan

Category: Admitted adult affair; clergy sexual-conduct discipline

Conduct / complaint period: Before June 2020; precise dates not published in cited notice

Source basis: Public official records and/or attributed media reporting

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	The latest substantive disciplinary update located reports completion of the accord and readmission to the House of Bishops.

Status date: 2022-06-24

What was reported

The dioceses announced that Hougland admitted an extramarital affair and entered a Title IV accord providing for suspension. They said the other adult was neither an Episcopalian nor a member of either diocesan staff, and that no state or federal law had been broken. This is an admitted-affair and church-discipline record. The cited accounts do not establish sexual assault, coercion or exploitation of a person receiving his pastoral care.

Response

Hougland accepted responsibility and publicly apologized for violating his marriage and ordination commitments.

Public-record limits

Current employment and ministry permissions were not verified. The admitted affair is not a finding of sexual assault.

Sources

1. Notice: Bishop has been placed on suspension. Diocese of Western Michigan · 2020-06-15. Official notice of admission, accord and suspension.

2. Hougland to resign after suspension. Episcopal News Service · 2021-06-28. Documents resignation and effective date.

3. Michigan deputies seek review of bishop discipline. Episcopal News Service · 2022-06-24. Reports accord completion, readmission and deputies' criticism of the process.

MICHIGAN / AW-088

William Danaher: bullying, exclusion and a concluded Title IV process

Subject: William J. Danaher Jr. and the response at Christ Church Cranbrook · **Role:** Rector; related diocesan complaint handling

Setting: Christ Church Cranbrook. **Diocese:** Diocese of Michigan

Category: Alleged bullying, confidentiality violations, shunning and retaliation

Conduct / complaint period: Conduct preceding a December 2019 accord; further allegations reported in 2025–2026

Source basis: *Anglican Watch* reporting and advocacy correspondence; primary episcopal reply hosted by the publication

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	The bishop described the referenced Title IV matters as concluded. *Anglican Watch* continued to dispute the adequacy of the response; no later finding resolving its further allegations was located.

Status date: 2026-03-04

What was reported

Anglican Watch reported that parishioner complaints about bullying, confidentiality and other conduct led to a December 2019 accord between Danaher and Bishop Wendell Gibbs. Its subsequent reporting alleged continuing exclusion, shunning and retaliation, including accusations of criminal conduct against critics. The publication urged Bishop Bonnie Perry to review the situation. These later assertions are attributed allegations; the cited reporting does not establish a new disciplinary finding against Danaher.

Response

Anglican Watch said Danaher declined its invitation to discuss the allegations. In a February 26, 2026 letter, Perry said the matters raised had been addressed through Title IV and concluded; she directed people with new information to the intake officer.

Public-record limits

The later allegations are not findings. Perry's statement establishes that a process concluded, without disclosing its terms or deciding every subsequently published claim. No conclusion about criminal liability is drawn.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* and its editor asked the bishop to intervene and publicly advocated for action; that coverage is not independent of their advocacy.

Sources

1. Spotlight on abuse: Episcopal priest William J. Danaher, Jr.. *Anglican Watch* · 2025-11-22; updated 2026-07-07. Reports the 2019 accord, parishioner allegations and Danaher's decision not to participate in its interview.

2. *Anglican Watch* urges Bishop Bonnie Perry, Diocese of Michigan to address Bill Danaher allegations. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-02-18. Sets out additional allegations and the publication's request for intervention.

3. Bishop Bonnie Perry's response to *Anglican Watch*. Bishop Bonnie Perry, Diocese of Michigan; hosted by *Anglican Watch* · 2026-02-26. Primary letter states that the referenced Title IV matters concluded and gives a route for new information.

4. Bishop Bonnie Perry responds to concerns about Christ Church Cranbrook rector Bill Danaher. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-03-04. Publishes the bishop's response and explains why the publication disputes its adequacy.

MINNESOTA / AW-094

Episcopal Church Home of Minnesota: racial harassment and retaliation settlement

Subject: Episcopal Church Home of Minnesota · **Role:** Episcopal-affiliated eldercare institution and employer

Setting: Episcopal Church Home of Minnesota, St. Paul. **Diocese:** Minnesota: historical institutional affiliation; the diocese was not the named defendant

Category: Alleged racial discrimination, hostile workplace and retaliatory discharge

Conduct / complaint period: Before September 1999

Source basis: Primary consent decree and historical documentation of Episcopal affiliation

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Civil case settled by consent decree; denial preserved.

Status date: 2001-03-09

What was reported

The EEOC alleged that the Episcopal Church Home transferred a Black employee to an undesirable job, subjected him to a racially hostile workplace and fired him after he complained. The institutional defendant denied violations. A consent decree resolved the lawsuit with monetary relief and changes to training, complaint procedures, records and employment references. The settlement did not adjudicate whether the alleged conduct occurred.

Response

The home expressly denied the EEOC's allegations and agreed to settle to avoid further litigation.

Public-record limits

This entry concerns an institution with documented Episcopal roots. It does not attribute the allegations to all clergy, residents, trustees or the diocese, or describe the institution's present practices.

Sources

1. EEOC v. Episcopal Church Home of Minnesota: consent decree. U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota; hosted by the Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse · 2001-03-09. Primary settlement records the allegations, denial, payment and institutional safeguards.

2. 'Cheery, Refined and Comfortable': Episcopal Church Home Begins Its Second Century. Marcia Fotsch, Ramsey County History · 1995. Documents the home's Episcopal origins and institutional history near the period at issue.

MONTANA / AW-074

Charles I. Jones III: sexual misconduct finding, reduced sanction and restoration

Subject: Charles I. (Ci) Jones III · **Role:** Kentucky rector during the conduct; later bishop of Montana

Setting: Russellville parish; Diocese of Montana. **Diocese:** Diocese of Montana; conduct while a Kentucky rector

Category: Admitted adult affair; ecclesiastical findings of sexual exploitation, immorality and conduct unbecoming clergy

Conduct / complaint period: 1981–1983

Source basis: Attributed archival church reporting, media reports and/or identified primary records

The formal proceedings used the pre-2011 trial and review structure. The later appellate disposition controls the outcome label.

Latest known outcome	ENS reported in October 2008 that the suspension had ended and good standing had been restored in September 2007; Jones still lacked a seat in the House of Bishops at that report date.

Status date: 2008-10-23

What was reported

Jones admitted an extramarital relationship with a woman who was both a parishioner and parish employee while he was rector in Russellville, Kentucky. The later church case treated the pastoral and employment relationship as relevant to sexual exploitation. Following a disputed earlier pastoral response, a Court for the Trial of a Bishop found ecclesiastical offenses and ordered deposition. The subsequent appeal upheld the finding but substantially changed the sanction.

Response

Jones acknowledged the affair but challenged the later proceedings, arguing that the earlier leave and treatment had already resolved the matter. His appeal asserted procedural errors and former jeopardy.

Public-record limits

The original deposition is not the final sanction. Restoration did not reverse the underlying ecclesiastical finding, and this entry does not assert current ministry status.

Sources

1. Episcopal Church: Bishop to be punished 19 years after affair. Christianity Today · 2001-02-05. Explains the admitted relationship, trial findings and dispute about prior pastoral handling.

2. Former Montana bishop appeals sentence of deposition. Episcopal News Service · 2001-05-17. Documents the appeal, conduct period and defenses.

3. Montana: Diocese lives the resurrection, leaders tell Executive Council. Episcopal News Service · 2008-10-23. Supplies the modified sanction and September 2007 restoration.

NEVADA / AW-020

Bede Parry: Allegations predating Episcopal service and the church's reception decision

Subject: Bede Parry · **Role:** Former Catholic monk and priest; later Episcopal musician and assisting priest

Setting: All Saints Episcopal Church, Las Vegas; earlier Conception Abbey. **Diocese:** Diocese of Nevada

Category: Historical sexual abuse allegations; later appointment and safeguarding decisions

Conduct / complaint period: Alleged conduct in the 1970s–1980s, before Episcopal reception in 2004

Source basis: Public official records and/or attributed media reporting

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Deceased. The verified Episcopal outcome is departure from his parish role; a completed Title IV adjudication was not established by the reviewed records.

Status date: 2013-11-27

What was reported

A 2011 civil suit against Conception Abbey alleged abuse by Parry during his earlier Catholic service. Reporting also described his admissions concerning multiple young people. By then he was serving at All Saints in Las Vegas. The Episcopal response focused on why Nevada had received his orders despite knowledge of a 1987 incident. The allegations described here predate his Episcopal service; the cited sources do not establish that he abused someone at All Saints.

Response

Parry acknowledged misconduct in reported interviews. Nevada officials defended the reception process and said his Episcopal work had been restricted concerning minors.

Public-record limits

The civil suit described by Episcopal News Service was against the abbey, not the Episcopal parish or diocese. Allegations in the complaint are not court findings.

Sources

1. Nevada bishop defends reception of former Catholic priest. Episcopal News Service · 2011-07-07. Documents the civil allegations, admissions, Episcopal role and diocesan response.

2. Statement concerning Bede Parry. The Episcopal Church · 2011-11-17. Presiding bishop's account of the disclosed incident and reception decision.

3. Journal of the 78th General Convention. The Episcopal Church · 2015. Clergy necrology records Parry's death on November 27, 2013.

NEW HAMPSHIRE / AW-127

St. Paul's School: historical staff abuse and institutional response

Subject: St. Paul's School; historical faculty and staff abuse and institutional handling · **Role:** School employer and institutional safeguarding; historical faculty and staff, including lay employees

Setting: St. Paul's School, Concord. **Diocese:** New Hampshire geographic setting; independent school in the Episcopal tradition

Category: Historical child sexual abuse; complaint handling; institutional oversight

Conduct / complaint period: Historical allegations investigated cover 1948–2008; institutional response and oversight, 2017–2022

Source basis: School-commissioned investigative reports, a public court order describing the state agreement, independent reporting and school responses

Lay or institutional record; no Title IV clergy proceeding established.

Latest known outcome	Published investigative findings and a nonprosecution agreement were followed by further reforms. The latest dated review used here is September 2022; completion of every oversight condition was not independently established.

Status date: 2022-09-15

What was reported

A school-commissioned investigation substantiated sexual misconduct by 13 former faculty and staff in 2017; supplements addressed additional reports. Investigators also criticized earlier institutional handling. A state investigation into child endangerment and obstruction ended in a 2018 agreement providing oversight and reforms without prosecution of the school for its handling of past reports. Further measures followed in 2020. The school's 2022 account of a RAINN review described improvements and remaining work. Its legacy-abuse resources offer counseling support and confidential compensation arbitration.

Response

The school commissioned investigations and accepted oversight and later RAINN recommendations. In 2020, its lawyer said most additional measures were accepted voluntarily, beyond the settlement's requirements.

Public-record limits

The state agreement is not a criminal conviction. This institutional record does not attribute misconduct to every employee, trustee or the diocese, and does not imply that oversight remains active in 2026.

Disclosure. The school commissioned the historical investigations. The 2022 RAINN findings are summarized through the school's published account.

Companion criminal catalog NH-04. Criminal and church outcomes are separate.

Sources

1. Report on Sexual Misconduct at St. Paul's School. Casner & Edwards; published by St. Paul's School · 2017-05-20. Historical investigation, differentiated findings and criticism of institutional handling.

2. Second Supplement to Report on Sexual Misconduct at St. Paul's School. Casner & Edwards; published by St. Paul's School · 2018-08-18. Further findings; the investigated period extends through 2008.

3. In re: Grand Jury, No. 217-2017-CV-00382. New Hampshire Superior Court; reproduced by Justia · 2019-09-12. Public order describes the 2018 nonprosecution agreement and restricts grand-jury disclosure.

4. St. Paul's School Agrees To Measures In Order To Prevent Potential Criminal Prosecution. New Hampshire Public Radio; Josh Rogers · 2020-12-22. Additional compliance measures, overseer's interference allegation and school's response.

5. RAINN Completes Year One of Its Engagement with St. Paul's School. St. Paul's School · 2022-09-15. School's account of improvements, remaining recommendations and implementation plan.

6. Legacy Abuse. St. Paul's School · Undated. Published reports, counseling resources and confidential compensation arbitration.

7. Building Beloved Community. St. Paul's School · Undated. School identifies its Episcopal heritage and continuing tradition.

NEW JERSEY / AW-075

George W. Doane: financial allegations and dismissed presentment

Subject: George Washington Doane · **Role:** Bishop and school founder

Setting: Diocese of New Jersey; St. Mary's Hall and Burlington College. **Diocese:** New Jersey

Category: Alleged financial dishonesty; borrowing and financial representations

Conduct / complaint period: Before the 1852–1853 proceedings

Source basis: Respondent's published defense; published court record; library archival description and contemporary reporting.

Proceedings were under Canon III of 1844, a predecessor framework.

Latest known outcome	Presentment dismissed September 15, 1853; no adverse merits finding or disciplinary sentence reported.

Status date: 1853-09-15

What was reported

Doane faced ecclesiastical allegations concerning borrowing, indebtedness and financial representations connected with his educational enterprises. He publicly disputed the accusations. After proceedings in 1852 and a renewed presentment in 1853, a committee negotiated a statement in which Doane acknowledged indiscretions and expressed regret while denying wrongful intent. On September 15, 1853, the court unanimously dismissed the presentment. These proceedings did not result in a finding that he committed the alleged financial wrongdoing.

Response

Doane denied the accusations; his closing statement acknowledged indiscretions and regret while denying evil intent.

Public-record limits

Acknowledgment of indiscretions is not treated as an admission of the alleged financial offenses.

Sources

1. Bishop Doane's Protest, Appeal, and Reply. Burlington County Library System · 1852 document; archive description undated. Identifies the school-related debt dispute and defense publication.

2. The Protest and Appeal of George Washington Doane. George Washington Doane; King & Baird; Project Canterbury · 1852. Contains the financial allegations and Doane's objections and denials.

3. Proceedings of the Court for the Trial of the Right Reverend George Washington Doane. Published ecclesiastical proceedings; Project Canterbury · 1852. Identifies the 1844 governing canon and first proceedings.

4. Report of the Proceedings of the Court for the Trial of Bishop Doane. Published court proceedings; Episcopal Church Archives · 1853. Records the renewed presentment and unanimous September 15 dismissal.

5. Case of Bishop Doane. Kent News; Maryland State Archives · 1853. Contemporary account of the negotiated statement and dismissal.

NEW JERSEY / AW-076

George G. Swanson: false-statement conviction reversed and charges dismissed

Subject: George G. Swanson · **Role:** Rector

Setting: Church of the Ascension, Jersey City. **Diocese:** Newark

Category: Alleged false statements under oath; property dispute; appellate dismissal

Conduct / complaint period: 1988 civil litigation following a 1986 church fire

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Conviction reversed; charges dismissed. The ruling did not resolve the merits of the underlying property dispute.

Status date: 1990-10-22

What was reported

A dispute over insurance proceeds after a fire at the Church of the Ascension led to civil litigation against Bishop John Shelby Spong and diocesan officials. The diocese accused Swanson of knowingly making false allegations under oath, and its ecclesiastical court convicted him in 1989. The Province II Court of Review unanimously reversed the conviction and dismissed the charges in 1990. It found the evidence insufficient under the then-applicable standard and held that a priest's filing of a civil suit against a bishop was not, by itself, grounds for discipline.

Response

Swanson maintained that diocesan officials had attempted to obtain control of the parish's assets. Diocesan counsel disputed that allegation. The appellate court criticized both sides' conduct while expressly declining to decide the underlying property dispute.

Public-record limits

Historical proceeding under the pre-July 2011 framework. The case began in the 1980s and is included here for its 1990 appellate disposition. The trial conviction was reversed and the charges dismissed.

Sources

1. Province II Court of Review Reverses Conviction of Newark Priest. Episcopal News Service · 1990-10-31. Reports the reversal, insufficient proof, evidentiary errors and dismissal; the dateline identifies October 22 as the decision date.

2. Papers of Katrina Martha Swanson, 1888–2008. Harvard Library, Schlesinger Library · Undated. Archival description documents the fire, insurance dispute, church prosecution and eventual dismissal.

3. Trials: Province II Court of Review records. The Archives of the Episcopal Church · Undated. Official catalogue identifies the Swanson appellate record, 1989–1990.

NEW JERSEY / AW-021

Walter Righter: heresy charges dismissed

Subject: Walter C. Righter · **Role:** Retired bishop serving in Newark

Setting: Ordination in the Diocese of Newark. **Diocese:** Diocese of Newark; retired bishop of Iowa

Category: Doctrine and ordination; historical disciplinary proceeding

Conduct / complaint period: 1990

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Charges dismissed.

Status date: 1996-05-15

What was reported

Righter was charged after ordaining an openly gay man in a committed relationship to the diaconate in 1990. An ecclesiastical court dismissed the charges in May 1996, finding that the ordination violated neither church law nor core doctrine. This historical case illustrates why a disciplinary index must preserve favorable outcomes and distinguish doctrinal disputes from abuse. It alleges no sexual abuse by Righter and does not classify the ordinand's relationship as misconduct.

Response

Righter defended the ordination; all charges were dismissed.

Public-record limits

Historical proceeding under the pre-July 2011 Title IV framework. Neither gay identity nor a same-sex relationship is classified here as sexual abuse.

Sources

1. Court dismisses charges against Bishop Walter Righter. Episcopal News Service · 1996-05-23. Contemporaneous report of dismissal and the court's reasoning.

2. Walter Righter archival authority record. Archives of the Episcopal Church · Undated. Confirms historical context and dismissal of all charges.

3. Retired Iowa Bishop Walter Righter dies. Episcopal News Service · 2011-09-12. Later account confirms the 1996 dismissal.

NEW JERSEY / AW-092

New Jersey: Gideon Uzomechina's allegations against diocesan and vestry leadership

Subject: William Stokes, Brian Jemmott and related New Jersey church leadership · **Role:** Bishop, canon and three vestry members alleged in the complaint

Setting: Diocesan leadership and parishes in New Brunswick and Plainfield. **Diocese:** Diocese of New Jersey

Category: Alleged racial discrimination, false accusations, conspiracy and employment retaliation

Conduct / complaint period: Dates not fully specified in the complaint; events following Stokes's 2013 accession

Source basis: Civil judicial opinion; official diocesan disciplinary register for the separate respondent-side context

Companion inclusion concerns alleged handling of Uzomechina’s discipline; the claims against leaders were civil pleadings, not church findings.

Latest known outcome	Federal dismissal on ministerial-exception grounds. No later state-court disposition was established.

Status date: 2024-09-26

What was reported

Gideon Uzomechina alleged that Bishop Stokes, Canon Jemmott and three vestry members manufactured sexual and financial misconduct accusations because of his race. He also alleged that diocesan statements harmed his later employment. The federal opinion recounts these as pleading allegations, not findings. Separately, the diocese's disciplinary register records Uzomechina's own 2020 deposition; that proceeding is distinct from this entry's allegations against leadership.

Response

The diocesan defendants sought dismissal under the ministerial exception. Their published disciplinary record provides material context for Uzomechina's challenge.

Public-record limits

Dismissal does not decide the truth of these accusations. The entry does not accuse every vestry member or classify Uzomechina's own discipline as a proceeding against Stokes or Jemmott.

Sources

1. Uzomechina v. Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, No. 23-2914. U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey; reproduced by HallApproved · 2024-09-26. Summarizes the amended allegations, defense and dismissal.

2. Uzomechina civil docket. Justia Dockets · 2023-05-29; docket excerpt updated 2024-09-26. Identifies the filing date and parties; not a complete current docket.

3. Clergy misconduct and discipline: Gideon Uzomechina documents. Diocese of New Jersey · 2020-03-29 deposition; page undated. Official indexed register lists the separate 2019–2020 process and deposition. The full linked instruments were not reviewed here.

NEW MEXICO / AW-077

Richard Trelease: reported adultery allegations and resignation

Subject: Richard M. Trelease Jr. · **Role:** Diocesan bishop

Setting: Diocese of the Rio Grande. **Diocese:** Rio Grande

Category: Reported adultery allegations / leadership departure

Conduct / complaint period: Allegations associated in later reporting with his 1988 resignation; underlying dates not established

Source basis: Retrospective media allegation; diocesan history gives a different stated reason for departure

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Resignation in 1988 is established. A formal Title IV proceeding or disciplinary finding was not established. Trelease died in 2005.

Status date: 1988 departure; death reported 2005-03-11

What was reported

Christianity Today reported in 2001 that Trelease had resigned amid adultery allegations. The report supplied no underlying complaint, participant details or adjudicated findings. This entry records that published allegation with its limits.

Response

The diocese's published history describes his 1988 resignation as being for health reasons at the presiding bishop's urging. A separate personal response to the adultery allegation was not located.

Public-record limits

The media account and official history use different descriptions. Resignation is not treated as an admission, and the index does not resolve the allegation or infer that the health explanation was false.

Sources

1. Retrospective report of adultery allegations. Christianity Today · 2001-02-05. Briefly identifies Trelease among bishops who resigned amid adultery allegations; does not provide a case file.

2. Diocesan account of the 1988 resignation. Diocese of the Rio Grande · Undated; reviewed 2026-11-15. Attributes the departure to health reasons at the presiding bishop's urging.

3. Obituary. Kansas City Star / Legacy · 2005-03-11. Confirms his earlier diocesan role, 1988 retirement and death on February 25, 2005.

NEW YORK / AW-078

Benjamin T. Onderdonk: sexual allegations and 1845 suspension

Subject: Benjamin Tredwell Onderdonk · **Role:** Bishop

Setting: Diocese of New York. **Diocese:** New York

Category: Sexual misconduct; unwanted touching

Conduct / complaint period: Before the 1844 presentment

Source basis: Published court proceedings; respondent's public defense; official diocesan historical listing.

The published court record identifies Canon III of 1844, a predecessor disciplinary framework.

Latest known outcome	Suspended in 1845; never restored before his death in 1861.

Status date: 1861

What was reported

A court of bishops heard testimony alleging unwanted sexual touching by Onderdonk. The published proceedings record a majority finding of guilt on certain charges and specifications, followed by suspension from episcopal functions and the sacred ministry on January 3, 1845. Onderdonk continued to assert his innocence and challenged the fairness of the proceedings. The Diocese of New York's later historical listing records his suspension as continuing from 1845 until his death in 1861.

Response

His published defense maintained his not-guilty plea and disputed the process.

Public-record limits

This is Benjamin T. Onderdonk of New York, distinct from his brother Henry U. Onderdonk of Pennsylvania. Suspension is not described as deposition.

Sources

1. Proceedings of the Court Convened under the Third Canon of 1844 for the Trial of Benjamin T. Onderdonk. D. Appleton & Co., by authority of the court; Internet Archive · 1845. Primary testimony, findings and January 3 suspension sentence.

2. A Statement of Facts and Circumstances Connected with the Recent Trial. Benjamin T. Onderdonk; Project Canterbury · 1845. Onderdonk's own account, continuing denial and procedural objections.

3. Ordination and Consecration of Matthew F. Heyd, historical list of bishops. Episcopal Diocese of New York · 2023-05-20. Lists Onderdonk's suspension as 1845–1861.

NEW YORK / AW-079

Wallace A. Frey: admitted misconduct and resignation from ministry

Subject: Wallace A. Frey · **Role:** Rector and vice president of the House of Deputies

Setting: St. David's Episcopal Church, DeWitt; House of Deputies. **Diocese:** Diocese of Central New York

Category: Admitted sexual misconduct involving young adult parishioners and a teenager

Conduct / complaint period: Over several years before October 1992; precise dates not disclosed

Source basis: Attributed archival church reporting, media reports and/or identified primary records

The public record supports church action but does not identify a formal presentment, tribunal or Title IV instrument.

Latest known outcome	Resignation from ministry is the documented historical disposition; no subsequent reinstatement is established by the cited records.

Status date: 1994-06-15

What was reported

ENS reported that Frey admitted sexual relations with several young adult men and a teenage parishioner over a period of years. He resigned both his national elected position and the ordained ministry after the allegations were raised. The case prompted a public church response about sexual abuse and the betrayal of pastoral trust. Later local reporting identified his parish as St. David's in DeWitt, where he had served for 28 years.

Response

The contemporary accounts describe an admission and resignation. They do not supply a detailed personal rebuttal or publish the instrument governing his priestly status.

Public-record limits

A resignation is documented, but its precise canonical mechanism is not. This entry is not a finding about criminal liability.

Sources

1. General Convention will respond to shock waves sent by cases of sexual misconduct. Episcopal News Service · 1994-06-15. Reports the admission, teenage parishioner and resignation from ordained ministry.

2. Church Insurance Company to revise sexual misconduct coverage. Episcopal News Service · 1993-02-02. Dates the public disclosure and describes diocesan and national responses.

3. Executive Council deals with a tragedy in the family. Episcopal News Service · 1992-11-18. Documents the council's response to Frey's resignation.

4. Episcopal priest admits to abuse in Skaneateles. The Post-Standard; archived by BishopAccountability.org · 2007-08-14. Retrospectively identifies Frey's parish and tenure.

NEW YORK / AW-096

Jeffrey Krantz and Ken Sybesma: workplace allegations

Subject: Jeffrey Krantz, Ken Sybesma, Church of the Advent and the Diocese of Long Island · **Role:** Rector and another parish priest; parish and diocese as civil defendants

Setting: Church of the Advent, Westbury. **Diocese:** Long Island

Category: Sexual harassment; workplace humiliation and retaliation; disputed employer responsibility

Conduct / complaint period: 2002–2003 allegations recited in the opinions

Source basis: Published federal judicial opinions describing the complaint and procedural rulings

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	The latest substantive Krasner ruling located permits the claims to proceed. A later court docket references a confidentiality agreement, but its terms and the final disposition were not verified.

Status date: 2012-04-25

What was reported

Parish administrator Rosalind Krasner alleged that a disk Krantz gave her to print a letter contained pornography. She said Krantz humiliated her after she objected and reduced her pay and benefits; she also alleged that Sybesma viewed pornography and masturbated at her desk. She claimed that complaints to Krantz and diocesan officials failed to end the harassment. The court recited these allegations when addressing pleading and employment-status questions, not as factual findings.

Response

The defendants contested statutory employer coverage and the sufficiency of the claims. Their early dismissal and summary-judgment motions were ultimately denied in the May 2006 ruling.

Public-record limits

Do not label this old litigation pending or treat the motion rulings as a merits verdict. The similarly named Advent parish in Boston is a different institution.

Sources

1. Krasner: August 2004 opinion. U.S. District Court, E.D.N.Y.; Counsel Stack · 2004-08-09. Pleaded conduct, reported diocesan response and initial dismissal.

2. Krasner: May 2006 opinion. U.S. District Court, E.D.N.Y.; PlainSite · 2006-05-13. Chronology and denial of renewed early motions.

3. Grace Church docket: Krasner agreement discovery. U.S. District Court, E.D.N.Y.; Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse · 2012-04-25. Separate action's docket references the confidentiality agreement without disclosing its substance.

4. Krantz's Westbury parish identified. Gold Coast Gazette; Glen Cove Public Library · 2014-03-06. Contemporaneous report identifies Krantz as rector of Advent, Westbury.

NEW YORK / AW-080

David G. Bollinger: financial allegations dismissed

Subject: David G. Bollinger · **Role:** Rector

Setting: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Owego. **Diocese:** Central New York

Category: Financial allegations; alleged retaliation; dismissed church case

Conduct / complaint period: Alleged financial irregularities investigated in 2005–2007

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	The consulted contemporary account reports dismissal of the financial case in July 2007. No later reversal of that dismissal was located.

Status date: 2007-07-17

What was reported

The Diocese of Central New York accused Bollinger of financial misconduct and inhibited him. He denied the allegations and said the investigation retaliated against his reporting of sexual abuse allegations concerning a previous rector. Contemporary church reporting documented both the financial accusation and the dispute over the diocese's response to the earlier abuse report. A July 2007 account reported that the ecclesiastical court dismissed the financial case after excluding late diocesan evidence and finding the remaining case insufficient. The national church's archive separately identifies and preserves the Bollinger disciplinary case.

Response

Bollinger maintained that the financial accusations were false and sued the bishop and diocese for alleged retaliation. Bishop Gladstone Adams said the abuse complainant had not met the diocesan investigators; The Living Church also reported the diocese's position that the abuse evidence was insufficient.

Public-record limits

Pre-July 2011 disciplinary framework. The dismissal details come from an openly sympathetic contemporary account; the underlying judgment was not retrieved. The archive confirms a formal case, not the truth of the original allegations or of the retaliation claim. The sexual allegations discussed here concerned a different priest.

Sources

1. Legal proceedings explained to clergy. The Living Church · 2005-11-13. Contemporary report of financial allegations, inhibition and the diocese's response to the earlier abuse report.

2. Diocesan Digest: Central New York priest sues diocese, claims retaliation. Episcopal News Service / Associated Press · 2006-01-19. Reports Bollinger's denial, retaliation allegation and the bishop's response.

3. Halleluia! It is Finished!. Stone of Witness · 2007-07-17. Sympathetic contemporary account reporting dismissal and the court's treatment of late evidence.

4. Ecclesiastical Discipline. The Archives of the Episcopal Church · Undated. Official selective archive identifies Diocese of Central New York v. the Rev. David G. Bollinger.

NEW YORK / AW-095

Grace Whitestone: harassment and retaliation settlement

Subject: Grace Episcopal Church of Whitestone and the Diocese of Long Island; unnamed interim rector · **Role:** Interim rector; parish and diocese as civil employer defendants

Setting: Grace Episcopal Church of Whitestone. **Diocese:** Long Island

Category: Workplace sexual harassment; retaliation; civil settlement

Conduct / complaint period: Approximately July 2001–February 2004

Source basis: EEOC release, filed complaint, and federal consent decree

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Resolved by consent decree without findings of fact or an admission of liability.

Status date: 2013-05-21

What was reported

The EEOC alleged that Grace Whitestone's interim rector subjected a secretary and a sexton to unwanted sexual advances, remarks and touching, and that the secretary was fired after rejecting him. The complaint named the parish and Diocese of Long Island as employer defendants and alleged a failure to prevent or remedy the workplace harassment. The public materials reviewed do not identify the interim rector by name. These are the agency's allegations; the later settlement did not establish their truth.

Response

The defendants denied harassment and retaliation, disputed the asserted employment relationship, and expressly made no admission in settling.

Public-record limits

Title VII and Title IV are different systems. This civil settlement does not establish a clergy-disciplinary outcome or criminal conviction.

Sources

1. EEOC announces Grace Whitestone settlement. U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission · 2013-05-22. Agency account of alleged conduct and settlement requirements.

2. EEOC complaint against Grace Church and diocese. U.S. District Court, E.D.N.Y.; Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse · 2006-09-28. Filed allegations and approximate conduct period.

3. Consent decree, EEOC v. Grace Church. U.S. District Court, E.D.N.Y.; Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse · 2013-05-21. Denials, no-admission provision, $192,500 payment and compliance terms.

NEW YORK / AW-081

J. Edward Putnam: admitted abuse of minors and 20-year suspension

Subject: J. Edward (James Edward) Putnam · **Role:** Rector during the reported abuse; later cathedral dean and parish priest

Setting: St. James Episcopal Church, Skaneateles. **Diocese:** Diocese of Central New York; later ministry in Albany and other dioceses

Category: Admitted sexual misconduct involving four adolescent boys

Conduct / complaint period: 1986–1993

Source basis: Attributed archival church reporting, media reports and/or identified primary records

The disciplinary instrument predated the 2011 revision; a formal sentence of suspension is independently recorded in a diocesan journal.

Latest known outcome	A 20-year suspension was imposed in 2007. Putnam died in September 2016, before that original term would have expired.

Status date: 2016-09-29

What was reported

After a former parishioner complained, a diocesan investigation identified four men who described abuse while adolescents at St. James. Church officials said Putnam admitted inappropriate conduct with minors in a written statement and signed disciplinary terms. Bishop Gladstone Adams imposed a 20-year suspension. The allegations concerned Putnam's Skaneateles tenure; Albany officials separately stated that they knew of no complaints from his later service at their cathedral.

Response

The diocese reported a written admission. Putnam did not respond to the Post-Standard's request for comment in its initial report.

Public-record limits

No criminal outcome is asserted. Albany's reported absence of local complaints concerned that later setting, not exoneration of the Skaneateles conduct.

Sources

1. Episcopal priest admits to abuse in Skaneateles. The Post-Standard; archived by BishopAccountability.org · 2007-08-14. Reports the admission, investigation, dates and suspension terms.

2. Clergy abuse viewed as isolated. Albany Times Union; archived by BishopAccountability.org · 2007-08-16. Reports the four affidavits and Albany's separate response about cathedral service.

3. Journal of the 191st Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. Diocese of Ohio · 2007-11. Records James Edward Putnam's temporary inhibition and sentence of suspension.

4. J. Edward Putnam obituary. The Providence Journal · 2016-09-29. Supplies the date of death.

NEW YORK / AW-022

Paul Moore Jr.: historical allegations of sexual exploitation

Subject: Paul Moore Jr. · **Role:** Former diocesan bishop

Setting: Diocese of New York. **Diocese:** Diocese of New York

Category: Alleged adult sexual exploitation and abuse of pastoral authority

Conduct / complaint period: Historical ministry; exact dates vary and are not established for every account

Source basis: Public official records and/or attributed media reporting

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Historical allegations acknowledged publicly by church leaders; no completed Title IV adjudication located in this review.

Status date: 2018-10-15

What was reported

Public accounts concerning Moore include an alleged relationship originating in counseling and reports by clergy of sexual exploitation. The Associated Press reported that successive New York bishops acknowledged complaints, with Bishop Andrew Dietsche issuing a forceful public statement in 2018 after additional clergy accounts surfaced. Moore died in 2003. The record is one of historical allegations and official acknowledgment, rather than a verified church trial or criminal adjudication.

Response

Moore was deceased when these disclosures became public. His daughter objected to the characterization of him as a sexual predator in the Associated Press account.

Public-record limits

The entry concerns alleged exploitation and misuse of power. Sexual orientation is not misconduct and is not an inclusion criterion.

Sources

1. Episcopal Church confronts past role in sexual exploitation. Associated Press; preserved by BishopAccountability · 2018-10-15. Reports clergy accounts, bishops' responses and the family objection.

2. Diocesan bishop's letter circulated to parish. Church of Saint Mary the Virgin · 2018-09-16. Confirms circulation of the bishop's letter and the diocesan listening process.

NEW YORK / AW-114

Ginger Strickland / Solaqua: adult relationship complaint

Subject: Virginia (Ginger) Strickland, later Solaqua · **Role:** Episcopal ordinand serving a nondenominational Paris church; subsequently ordained in 2011 and a curate in Manhattan

Setting: American Church in Paris, France (alleged conduct); Church of the Incarnation, Manhattan (subsequent ministry). **Diocese:** Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe; New York received the complaint

Category: Alleged adult pastoral-boundary violation; disputed complaint handling

Conduct / complaint period: Relationship ended in 2011; start date not established in the reviewed sources

Source basis: Publicly reproduced complainant letter and bishops' statement; AW retrospective; official parish biography

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	The preliminary inquiry found no breach; the contemporary blog later reported full exoneration. No final decision instrument or later disciplinary action was located. The case is not described as pending.

Status date: 2012-07-09 preliminary response; later exoneration update undated

What was reported

Erik Campano complained that his adult relationship with Strickland, then an Episcopal ordinand serving at the nondenominational American Church in Paris, violated church sexual-boundary rules. AW reported that her local supervisor had approved the relationship but maintained that it conflicted with Episcopal policy. It also alleged that Bishop Pierre Whalon impeded the complaint and proceeded with her ordination while it remained unresolved. The church's published response rejected a canonical breach.

Response

New York bishops said Strickland had disclosed the relationship to her bishop and supervisors, met her canonical obligations, and remained in good standing. No separate personal response was located.

Public-record limits

The bishops' statement is available as a contemporary reproduction, not an original diocesan posting. The blog's broader exoneration statement is not accompanied by decisions. The relationship reportedly began before ordination in France; New York identifies the complaint and subsequent ministry.

Disclosure. Campano's published letter is a participant's account. AW's later article advocates his position. No AW participation in filing or adjudicating this complaint was established in the reviewed sources.

Sources

1. Bishops' July 9 statement and later exoneration update. Jane Griffiths, reproducing the New York bishops' statement · 2012-07-10; reproduced statement dated 2012-07-09; update undated. Reproduces the bishops' preliminary finding of no canonical breach and support for continued ministry; a later blog update reports full exoneration without attaching decisions.

2. Campano's public letter identifying Title IV complaints. Erik Campano, reproduced by Jane Griffiths · 2012-07-12; letter dated 2012-07-11. Complainant identifies complaints against Strickland and Whalon and maintains that Title IV was violated.

3. AW retrospective on the Campano complaint. *Anglican Watch* · 2022-11-17; updated 2023-04-05. Reports the relationship and alleged obstruction; corrects an earlier clergy-directory assertion and identifies the later surname Solaqua.

4. Official introduction of Virginia (Ginger) Solaqua. Church of Our Redeemer, Lexington · 2021-12-14. Confirms the Solaqua name, 2011 ordination, and matching Paris–New York–Ross ministry history; does not discuss the complaint.

NEW YORK / AW-023

General Theological Seminary: faculty complaints and trustee response

Subject: Kurt Dunkle and General Theological Seminary trustees · **Role:** Dean and president; board of trustees

Setting: General Theological Seminary. **Diocese:** Churchwide seminary

Category: Alleged bullying / discriminatory remarks / governance and retaliation

Conduct / complaint period: 2013-2015

Source basis: Faculty accounts; outside higher-education reporting; published board response

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Faculty accepted provisional reinstatement in October 2014. A 2015 letter raised further governance complaints; no resulting adjudication was located.

Status date: 2015-04-21

What was reported

Eight faculty members alleged an authoritarian workplace, intimidating conduct and inappropriate sexual, racist and anti-gay remarks by Dunkle. They disputed the trustees' characterization of their work stoppage as resignations.

Response

The board defended its decision and, after receiving an investigative report, said there were insufficient grounds to terminate Dunkle. It offered provisional faculty reinstatement.

Public-record limits

Employment action, a board investigation and public accusations are distinct. No verified Title IV proceeding is asserted for this record.

Sources

1. Faculty allegations and trustee response. Inside Higher Ed · 2014-10-01. Presents the workplace allegations and competing accounts of faculty departure.

2. Board decision following investigation. The Christian Century · 2014-10. Reports retention of the dean and reinstatement offer.

3. Faculty acceptance of reinstatement. Anglican Communion News Service / Episcopal News Service · 2014-10-22. Reproduces the faculty's letter accepting provisional reinstatement.

4. Later governance complaint and response. Institute on Religion & Democracy · 2015-04-21. Reports a letter to the state attorney general and the board chair's response.

NEW YORK / AW-024

William Love: prohibition of authorized marriage rites

Subject: William H. Love · **Role:** Bishop diocesan

Setting: Diocesan episcopal office. **Diocese:** Diocese of Albany

Category: Canonical compliance; ordination vows; authorized worship

Conduct / complaint period: 2018

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Resolved by accord following hearing-panel finding; resignation as diocesan bishop required.

Status date: 2020-10-21

What was reported

Love's Title IV case arose from his direction prohibiting clergy in the Diocese of Albany from using same-sex marriage rites authorized by General Convention. A hearing panel found a canonical violation in October 2020. Before a final order, Love and the presiding bishop reached an accord requiring his resignation as diocesan bishop effective February 1, 2021. This entry concerns canonical compliance and episcopal authority, not an allegation of sexual abuse.

Response

Love contested the canonical basis for the charge; he later entered the accord.

Public-record limits

The finding and accord are ecclesiastical actions. Disagreement over marriage rites is not classified here as sexual misconduct.

Sources

1. Decision on cross-motions for summary judgment. Title IV Hearing Panel · 2020-10-02. Sets out the canonical dispute and hearing decision.

2. Presiding bishop and Albany bishop reach accord. Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs · 2020-10-24. Confirms the accord and its principal terms.

NEW YORK / AW-025

Julian Wachner: adult sexual-assault allegation and employment action

Subject: Julian Wachner · **Role:** Lay music director at the time

Setting: Trinity Church NYC. **Diocese:** New York

Category: Lay employee / alleged adult sexual assault

Conduct / complaint period: 2014 alleged incident in South Carolina

Source basis: Reporting incorporating the allegation, denial and Trinity's statement

Lay subject during the relevant period; not a Title IV clergy respondent.

Latest known outcome	Employment terminated in 2022. A 2026 news report said no criminal charges were filed over this allegation and his separate defamation suit was dismissed in 2023.

Status date: 2026-09-09

What was reported

A former Juilliard employee accused Wachner of unwanted kissing and groping at a 2014 music residency. Trinity ended his employment in March 2022 while saying its investigator had not yet determined whether that allegation was true.

Response

Wachner denied the allegation and criticized his dismissal before the investigation concluded.

Public-record limits

Later child-abuse-material proceedings in Indiana are separate matters; they do not adjudicate the 2014 allegation. No Title IV proceeding is asserted for this lay employee.

Separate proceedings: companion criminal catalog IN-03 and IN-04. Criminal and church outcomes are separate.

Sources

1. Allegation, denial and Trinity statement. Nesenoff & Miltenberg, reproducing New York Times reporting · 2022-03-14. Records the disputed adult allegation and Trinity's stated employment rationale.

2. Later reporting distinguishes the cases. NPR / WUWF · 2026-09-09. Separates the uncharged adult allegation from later criminal proceedings.

NEW YORK / AW-026

Prince Singh: family abuse and misrepresentation allegations

Subject: Prince Singh · **Role:** Former bishop of Rochester and former bishop provisional in Michigan

Setting: Episcopal Diocese of Rochester; former provisional ministry in Michigan. **Diocese:** Rochester; Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan

Category: Domestic abuse; alleged dishonesty

Conduct / complaint period: Family alleged conduct over many years, including the sons' childhoods

Source basis: Public allegation or disciplinary record, with attributed responses and outcomes

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Resolved by accord; suspension for at least three additional years announced in December 2024. Separate process-related agreement announced July 2025.

Status date: 2025-07-25

What was reported

Singh's family alleged physical and verbal abuse, excessive drinking, and false public accounts of the breakdown of his marriage. Singh disputed the allegations. A December 2024 accord resolved this matter and a separate Rochester complaint, imposing at least three additional years of suspension and assessment, training, and reconciliation requirements. A July 2025 announcement addressed the family's concerns about the process through a separate agreement whose terms were not disclosed.

Response

Denied the allegations while accepting the accord and expressing regret for his family's pain.

Public-record limits

The accord is not treated as an admission. No subsequent modification of the published suspension terms was located.

Related records: AW-057, AW-028.

Sources

1. Presiding bishop's announcement of the Singh accord. The Episcopal Church · 2024-12-13. Describes both allegation groups, the bishop's denial, and the accord's suspension and remedial terms.

2. Singh accord and the two underlying cases. Episcopal News Service · 2024-12-14. Reports the allegations, documentary history, accord, and responses.

3. Statement on behalf of Prince Singh. Scott A. Smith, counsel for Prince Singh · 2024-12-14. Sets out Singh's denial and acceptance of the accord.

4. Presiding bishop and Singh family announce resolution of concerns. The Episcopal Church · 2025-07-25. Announces a separate confidential agreement about handling of the family's complaints.

NEW YORK / AW-126

Jose Bravo / Cathedral School: alleged abuse and disputed institutional liability

Subject: Jose Bravo; Cathedral School of St. John the Divine and Episcopal Diocese of New York as civil defendants · **Role:** Lay teacher; school and diocese named as civil defendants

Setting: Cathedral School of St. John the Divine, Manhattan. **Diocese:** New York; diocesan control and liability disputed in the litigation

Category: Alleged child sexual abuse, threats and negligent protection

Conduct / complaint period: 2006

Source basis: Published trial and appellate opinions

Lay or institutional record; no Title IV clergy proceeding established.

Latest known outcome	2025 appellate ruling permits claims to proceed except punitive damages against the diocese; no final merits judgment or later disposition located.

Status date: 2025-09-25

What was reported

A former student alleged that Bravo repeatedly sexually abused her at age 13 and threatened her financial aid if she disclosed it. She alleged the school received outside reports but failed to stop the abuse. In 2025, an appellate court allowed negligence claims to proceed while dismissing the punitive-damages demand against the diocese. Those rulings addressed pleadings and the need for evidence; they did not establish that the abuse occurred or that the defendants were liable.

Response

The school disputed notice and legal duty for off-campus conduct. The diocese denied employing Bravo or controlling the school. The opinions supply no individual response from Bravo.

Public-record limits

Allegations assumed true for pleading review are not factual findings. Episcopal affiliation alone does not establish diocesan employment, control or responsibility.

Sources

1. C.R. v. Episcopal Diocese of N.Y., 2023 NY Slip Op 33851(U). Supreme Court of New York, New York County · 2023-10-17. Pleaded abuse and reporting allegations, institutional defenses and initial motion ruling.

2. C.R. v. Episcopal Diocese of N.Y., 2025 NY Slip Op 05144. New York Appellate Division, First Department · 2025-09-25. Partially favorable outcome for the diocese and explanation of the limited procedural ruling.

NEW YORK / AW-027

Tom Ferguson: impaired-driving allegation and public Title IV investigation

Subject: Tom Ferguson · **Role:** Canon for transitions and church development

Setting: Diocesan staff. **Diocese:** Diocese of Central New York

Category: Alleged impaired driving; clergy fitness; publicly announced investigation

Conduct / complaint period: 2024-01-06

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Investigation and restriction publicly announced in 2024; later church outcome not established.

Status date: 2024-01-10

What was reported

The Diocese of Central New York announced that Ferguson had been arrested for driving while intoxicated after a crash. The bishop placed him on administrative leave, opened a Title IV investigation, and issued a direction restricting priestly ministry. The announcement said no one else was injured. A later *Anglican Watch* review found no public resolution. This entry records the announced investigation and does not infer that the restriction remains in force today.

Response

The diocesan announcement included Ferguson’s request for prayers for himself and his family. No detailed merits response was established in the reviewed sources.

Public-record limits

The 2024 restriction is not verified as current. Arrest is not a conviction; the cited sources do not establish a criminal disposition.

Sources

1. An important announcement from Bishop DeDe. Diocese of Central New York · 2024-01-10. Primary announcement of incident, leave, investigation, and restriction.

2. Title IV transparency: Because apparently you have to ask. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-10-22. Reports the gap in public follow-up information; does not establish ongoing restriction.

NEW YORK / AW-028

Prince Singh: Rochester authority and complaint-handling allegations

Subject: Prince Singh · **Role:** Bishop of Rochester during the reported conduct

Setting: Episcopal Diocese of Rochester. **Diocese:** Rochester

Category: Abuse of authority; retaliation; handling of misconduct reports; alleged improper touching

Conduct / complaint period: 2017–2018 incidents; broader concerns during episcopacy

Source basis: Public allegation or disciplinary record, with attributed responses and outcomes

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Resolved by the December 2024 accord imposing suspension and remedial requirements.

Status date: 2024-12-13

What was reported

Rochester complainants alleged intimidation, public humiliation, and interference with misconduct reporting. Published case coverage describes alleged failure to refer a priest's sexual-misconduct report and alleged threats surrounding a report of improper touching by Singh. He disputed the allegations; an earlier diocesan process had cleared him of wrongdoing on the touching matter. The later churchwide proceedings ended through the December 2024 accord shared with the family case.

Response

Disputed the allegations; the published record also describes an earlier favorable diocesan disposition.

Public-record limits

The reviewed record does not permit a more specific description of the redacted touching allegation. Oversight allegations and alleged personal conduct are distinguished.

Related records: AW-057, AW-026.

Sources

1. Rochester Title IV chronology. The Episcopal Church · 2024-12. Records referral, investigation, hearing-panel referral, and accord approval.

2. Singh accord and the two underlying cases. Episcopal News Service · 2024-12-14. Reports the allegations, documentary history, accord, and responses.

3. Statement on behalf of Prince Singh. Scott A. Smith, counsel for Prince Singh · 2024-12-14. Sets out Singh's denial and acceptance of the accord.

4. Presiding bishop's announcement of the Singh accord. The Episcopal Church · 2024-12-13. Describes both allegation groups, the bishop's denial, and the accord's suspension and remedial terms.

NEW YORK / AW-029

DeDe Duncan-Probe: academic-credentials complaint

Subject: DeDe Duncan-Probe · **Role:** Bishop

Setting: Episcopal Diocese of Central New York. **Diocese:** Central New York

Category: Credentials and representations

Conduct / complaint period: Public descriptions of academic credentials; specific dates not stated

Source basis: Public allegation or disciplinary record, with attributed responses and outcomes

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Last documented stage: referred for investigation. A later disposition was not located in this review.

Status date: 2024-06-13

What was reported

An anonymous complaint challenged Duncan-Probe's description of her academic qualifications. She disputed the allegation, explained that the Graduate Theological Foundation awarded her doctorate, and said she had provided supporting records. The official disclosure recorded an investigation referral. Her expectation that the complaint would be dismissed was a response to the allegation, not a published disposition. This entry remains open only as a research question about the later outcome.

Response

Disputed misrepresentation; said documentation substantiated her doctorate.

Public-record limits

An older investigation referral does not establish that a case remains pending today.

Related records: AW-030.

Sources

1. Disclosure of five Title IV matters involving presiding bishop candidates. The Episcopal Church · 2024-06-13. Official disclosure identifying the complaints and their procedural dispositions.

2. Duncan-Probe statement on the Title IV process. Episcopal Diocese of Central New York · 2024-06-13. The bishop disputes the credential allegation and describes the documentation she supplied.

3. Three presiding bishop candidates have faced Title IV disciplinary claims. Episcopal News Service · 2024-06-13. Reports the complaints, diocesan context, and responses from the bishops.

NEW YORK / AW-030

DeDe Duncan-Probe: discernment complaint dismissed

Subject: DeDe Duncan-Probe · **Role:** Bishop

Setting: Episcopal Diocese of Central New York. **Diocese:** Central New York

Category: Ordination discernment and use of authority

Conduct / complaint period: Before December 2023; precise dates not publicly specified

Source basis: Public allegation or disciplinary record, with attributed responses and outcomes

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Dismissed; dismissal upheld on appeal.

Status date: 2024-03-21

What was reported

A complainant challenged exclusion from the discernment process and the requirement to direct further correspondence to the chancellor. The intake officer dismissed the complaint, and the disciplinary board president upheld that result on appeal. This is a separate matter from the academic-credentials complaint. Its inclusion records a publicly disclosed disciplinary process and its favorable disposition; it does not establish misconduct.

Response

The bishop's June 2024 statement acknowledged a previous complaint and its dismissal.

Public-record limits

The reviewed disclosure does not publish the underlying complaint or a full reasoned dismissal.

Related records: AW-029.

Sources

1. Disclosure of five Title IV matters involving presiding bishop candidates. The Episcopal Church · 2024-06-13. Official disclosure identifying the complaints and their procedural dispositions.

2. Duncan-Probe statement on the Title IV process. Episcopal Diocese of Central New York · 2024-06-13. The bishop disputes the credential allegation and describes the documentation she supplied.

NEW YORK / AW-031

Mark Schultz, William Davis and Erich Erving: adult-assault allegations

Subject: Mark Schultz, William Davis and Erich Erving · **Role:** Priest, former lay employee, and priest's spouse, respectively

Setting: Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue. **Diocese:** New York

Category: Alleged adult sexual assault / clergy and lay conduct

Conduct / complaint period: Alleged incidents in 2024-2025

Source basis: Civil-complaint reporting; parish statement; later reporting

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	*Anglican Watch* reports an initial Title IV dismissal on February 12, 2025. The parish announced civil withdrawal with prejudice on December 19, 2025; its current directory lists Schultz.

Status date: 2025-12-19 civil announcement; directory checked 2026-11-15

What was reported

An adult parishioner alleged unwanted sexual contact by Schultz, Davis and Erving. Reporting also described alleged retaliation after he complained. The parish statement expressly said the lawsuit did not allege sexual abuse of a minor.

Response

The accused denied the allegations. In December 2025 the parish said its investigators found no evidence substantiating them; *Anglican Watch* disputes that account.

Public-record limits

Schultz is the clergy respondent identified in the Title IV account. Davis and Erving are lay subjects, not Title IV respondents. Later or reopened disciplinary outcomes were not established. Civil withdrawal is not a trial verdict. The parish denied any settlement; *Anglican Watch* reports an insurer payment. The complete 2025 investigation report was not reviewed.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* has advocated for the complainant and filed related complaints about the handling of this matter. Its accounts are those of an involved publisher.

Related records: AW-032, AW-033.

Sources

1. Reported initial Schultz complaint and dismissal. *Anglican Watch* · 2025-07-20. Reports a February 12, 2025 Title IV dismissal concerning Schultz and reproduces redacted notices.

2. Civil complaint and institutional responses. amNewYork · 2025-09-24. Describes the adult complainant's allegations and church/diocesan statements.

3. Rector and wardens' statement. Saint Thomas Church, reproduced by Anglican Ink · 2025-09-19. Records denials, leave and commissioning of an inquiry; says allegations involve an adult.

4. Rector and wardens announce civil withdrawal and inquiry result. Saint Thomas Church, reproduced by Anglican Ink · 2025-12-19. Says investigators did not substantiate the allegations, the suit was withdrawn with prejudice, and no settlement or payment occurred.

5. Later account of the civil disposition. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-10-28; updated 2026-11-09. Reports withdrawal with prejudice and identifies the disputed settlement accounts.

6. Current parish directory. Saint Thomas Church · Checked 2026-11-15. Lists Schultz as associate for pastoral care; does not determine the truth of allegations.

NEW YORK / AW-032

Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue: alleged retaliation and complaint handling

Subject: Carl Turner, Matthew Moretz and related parish/diocesan response · **Role:** Clergy leadership; wardens and vestry as reported recipients of concerns

Setting: Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue; Diocese of New York. **Diocese:** New York

Category: Alleged retaliation / defamation / failure to respond

Conduct / complaint period: 2025

Source basis: *Anglican Watch* complaint reporting; civil-complaint coverage

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	*Anglican Watch* reported dismissal of the Moretz complaint on January 13, 2026, and the Turner complaint on January 24, 2026. A separate settlement-statements complaint was later reported dismissed and appealed.

Status date: 2026-01-24; separate appeal reported 2026-02-24

What was reported

Anglican Watch reported Title IV complaints alleging that Turner and Moretz mishandled an adult's sexual-assault report and retaliated. Civil reporting also described allegations that diocesan communications portrayed the complainant as dangerous.

Response

Parish leaders said they followed safeguarding practices and commissioned an outside inquiry. In December 2025 they said investigators did not substantiate the assault allegations. *Anglican Watch* disputes the response and the dismissals.

Public-record limits

These are publicly reported Title IV dispositions, not independently reviewed findings on every allegation. The civil withdrawal is separate. Wardens and vestry members are not Title IV respondents merely because they received concerns.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* filed the reported complaints. Editor Eric Bonetti was identified in the publication's account as a prospective witness. This is an involved publisher's account.

Related records: AW-031, AW-033.

Sources

1. Reported complaints and handling concerns. *Anglican Watch* · 2025-09-19. Reports the publication's complaints against Turner and Moretz and alleged delayed response.

2. Outside coverage of the civil allegations. amNewYork · 2025-09-24. Includes the alleged retaliation and the church/diocese's responses.

3. Later account of the civil disposition. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-10-28; updated 2026-11-09. Reports withdrawal with prejudice and identifies the disputed settlement accounts.

4. Reported dismissal of Moretz complaint. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-01-13. Reports dismissal and links a redacted notice; disputes the diocesan handling.

5. Reported dismissal of Turner complaint. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-01-24. Describes the allegations and written dismissal notice received by the publisher.

6. Rector and wardens announce civil withdrawal and inquiry result. Saint Thomas Church, reproduced by Anglican Ink · 2025-12-19. Says investigators did not substantiate the allegations, the suit was withdrawn with prejudice, and no settlement or payment occurred.

NEW YORK / AW-089

St. Peter's, Cazenovia: alleged spiritual abuse and exclusion

Subject: Rebecca Roberts and related diocesan handling · **Role:** Rector; related diocesan counsel and intake response

Setting: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Cazenovia. **Diocese:** Diocese of Central New York

Category: Alleged spiritual abuse, exclusion, confidentiality breaches and deficient complaint handling

Conduct / complaint period: 2025

Source basis: *Anglican Watch*'s account of a named complainant; published redacted counsel letter; advocacy press release

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Complaint against Roberts reportedly dismissed. No later reversal or merits determination was located; the publication separately challenged the intake officer's handling.

Status date: 2025-10-20

What was reported

Anglican Watch reported Win Limmer’s allegations that Roberts spiritually abused and excluded her, breached confidence, and characterized her contacts as threatening or harassing. Diocesan counsel subsequently restricted contact and participation. Limmer’s Title IV complaint was reportedly dismissed. *Anglican Watch* said it warned Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe that the proposed dismissal improperly made adverse factual findings, then challenged the intake officer’s handling in a separate complaint. These are disputed allegations; a separate filing against the bishop was not established.

Response

A July 28, 2025 letter from diocesan counsel Jonathan Fellows and Martha Berry cited repeated concerns about Limmer's conduct and contact, imposed restrictions and warned of trespass enforcement. It also left open reconciliation through a meeting with the bishop. Those assertions are the church's stated rationale, not findings adopted here.

Public-record limits

The complainant and diocesan counsel give conflicting accounts. A reported intake dismissal does not establish that Limmer's account was false. Her sexual orientation alone does not establish discriminatory motive, so this entry does not label the dispute anti-LGBTQ discrimination.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* supported the complainant and filed a separate complaint about the intake response. Its reporting and press release reflect that involvement.

Sources

1. What on earth is going on with St. Peter's Episcopal (Cazenovia NY) and its rector, Rebecca Roberts?. *Anglican Watch* · 2025-08-16; updated 2025-11-02. Presents Limmer's allegations, the proposed meeting and the exclusion dispute.

2. Diocesan counsel's letter to Win Limmer. Counsel for the Diocese of Central New York; redacted copy hosted by *Anglican Watch* · 2025-07-28. Primary correspondence states the church's concerns, restrictions and reconciliation option.

3. Press release concerning Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe and the Central New York disciplinary response. *Anglican Watch* · 2025-10-20. Reports the intake dismissal and the publication's separate complaint against the intake officer.

NEW YORK / AW-033

Carl Turner: complaint over disputed settlement statements

Subject: Carl Turner · **Role:** Rector

Setting: Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue. **Diocese:** New York

Category: Alleged dishonesty / disciplinary-process dispute

Conduct / complaint period: 2026

Source basis: *Anglican Watch*'s account as complainant

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Intake dismissal and appeal reported; no later appeal outcome located.

Status date: 2026-02-24

What was reported

Anglican Watch alleged that Turner's statement that the assault litigation ended without a settlement was misleading because an insurer had paid. The publication reported that intake dismissed its complaint and that it appealed.

Response

The rector and wardens publicly maintained that there had been no settlement or payments. *Anglican Watch* disputes this, alleging an insurer-funded payment.

Public-record limits

The competing descriptions of the payment are unresolved in this index. A complaint by the publisher is not independent adjudication.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* is a reported complainant in this Title IV matter.

Related records: AW-031, AW-032.

Sources

1. Publisher's account of dismissal and appeal. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-02-24. Reports the alleged insurer payment, intake dismissal and appeal.

2. Later account of the civil disposition. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-10-28; updated 2026-11-09. Reports withdrawal with prejudice and identifies the disputed settlement accounts.

3. Rector and wardens announce civil withdrawal and inquiry result. Saint Thomas Church, reproduced by Anglican Ink · 2025-12-19. Says investigators did not substantiate the allegations, the suit was withdrawn with prejudice, and no settlement or payment occurred.

OHIO / AW-034

Daniel McClain: adultery finding and partially reversed misconduct findings

Subject: Daniel W. McClain · **Role:** Priest; former rector

Setting: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oakwood. **Diocese:** Diocese of Southern Ohio

Category: Adultery; alleged bullying and retaliation; parish governance; disputed disciplinary procedure

Conduct / complaint period: 2020–2024

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Deposed on September 16, 2026. The Court of Review's earlier partial reversal remains material: the adultery-related findings and deposition recommendation stood, while broader findings were reversed and other charges treated as dismissed.

Status date: 2026-09-18

What was reported

McClain's case included allegations about parish governance, an unauthorized exorcism, finances, retaliation, and an extramarital relationship. The hearing panel recommended deposition. In August 2026, the Court of Review upheld the adultery and fidelity findings and the deposition recommendation, but reversed broader adverse findings that lacked a proper evidentiary hearing. Other charges were treated as dismissed. *Anglican Watch* and its editor brought the complaint; that involvement is disclosed here.

Response

McClain denied broader wrongdoing and appealed. His counsel argued that the panel denied him a fair hearing and that his relationship began after his marriage had broken down.

Public-record limits

Adultery is not classified as sexual assault. Broader accusations must retain their dismissal or reversal status. *Anglican Watch* and its editor were complainants. The bishop's sentencing notice establishes deposition; it does not restore the broader findings that the appellate court reversed.

Sources

1. Bishop Rivera's hearing-panel update. Diocese of Southern Ohio · 2024-02-01. Officially announces proceedings and links the notice of allegations.

2. Notice of allegations of canonical offenses. Diocese of Southern Ohio church attorney · 2024-02. Primary statement of alleged misconduct.

3. Southern Ohio priest appeals Title IV ruling. Episcopal News Service · 2026-06-24. Reports underlying allegations, denial, and arguments on appeal.

4. Court affirms adultery ruling but strikes broader findings. Anglican Ink · 2026-08-31. Reports partial affirmance, partial reversal, and dismissal of remaining charges.

5. Title IV diocesan information. Diocese of Southern Ohio · Undated. Current page says no pending proceedings; it does not supply final sentencing terms.

6. Announcement of sentence: Daniel McClain. Bishop Kristin Uffelman White, Diocese of Southern Ohio; copy hosted by *Anglican Watch* · 2026-09-18. Primary episcopal notice states that deposition was imposed on September 16, 2026.

OHIO / AW-119

Episcopal Church Women of Ohio: misappropriation disclosure

Subject: Unidentified individual; Episcopal Church Women of Ohio accounts · **Role:** Individual not publicly identified; lay ministry accounts

Setting: Diocesan Episcopal Church Women chapter. **Diocese:** Diocese of Ohio

Category: Reported misappropriation; financial controls and institutional response

Conduct / complaint period: Not disclosed in the reviewed announcement

Source basis: Published episcopal letter and independent reporting; AW commentary on controls

Lay or institutional record; no Title IV clergy proceeding established.

Latest known outcome	Investigation and institutional review publicly announced. No subsequent identified defendant, charge, final finding or disposition was established in the reviewed sources.

Status date: 2026-04-21

What was reported

Bishop Anne B. Jolly publicly reported significant discrepancies and misappropriated funds in the diocesan Episcopal Church Women accounts. She said the matter involved an individual, whose name she did not disclose, and that Cleveland police were involved. *Anglican Watch* criticized the financial safeguards. This entry concerns the disclosed account irregularities; it does not identify every ECW officer or member as a suspect or adopt the publication's inference that particular officials violated financial rules.

Response

Jolly said ECW and diocesan leaders secured the accounts and began a review with the chancellor and other advisers. She reported no indication that diocesan operating accounts were affected and said pastoral care was available.

Public-record limits

The amount, dates and responsible person's role were not disclosed. The bishop's reported determination is not a criminal conviction. A lack of a later located outcome does not establish that the investigation remains open.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch*'s criticism of oversight is attributed to the publication; it is not an adjudication.

Sources

1. Ohio police investigating Episcopal women's group over financial irregularities. The Christian Post · 2026-04-21. Reports the bishop's announcement, unnamed individual and institutional response.

2. Episcopal Church Women of Ohio faces allegations of embezzlement. *Anglican Watch*, reproducing Bishop Jolly's letter · 2026-04-23; updated 2026-11-12. Reproduces the episcopal response and separately criticizes institutional controls.

OKLAHOMA / AW-035

Ed Konieczny: sexual-harassment complaint concluded without discipline

Subject: Ed Konieczny · **Role:** Retired bishop of Oklahoma

Setting: The Episcopal Church; General Convention. **Diocese:** Diocese of Oklahoma

Category: Alleged sexual harassment and unwanted physical contact

Conduct / complaint period: July 2022

Source basis: Public official records and/or attributed media reporting

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Closed with a pastoral response and no disciplinary action, as documented in the September 2023 procedural account.

Status date: 2023-09-20

What was reported

The House of Deputies president publicly described unwanted physical contact and inappropriate statements by a retired bishop during the 2022 General Convention. Subsequent reporting identified Konieczny, who denied wrongdoing. Episcopal News Service's account of a presentation to the House of Bishops documents an investigation and two proposed accords rejected by the disciplinary board. The church attorney subsequently recommended a pastoral response in place of disciplinary action, and the case was closed.

Response

Konieczny denied sexual misconduct and inappropriate verbal comments.

Public-record limits

A closed case without discipline is not a factual finding that the allegation was false. The proposed accords were rejected, not executed disciplinary accords.

Sources

1. House of Bishops hears Title IV overview and case timeline. Episcopal News Service · 2023-09-20. Documents the allegation, denial, rejected accords and closure.

2. House of Deputies president describes alleged unwanted contact. Episcopal News Service · 2023-08-31. Records the complainant's public account of the incident and process.

PENNSYLVANIA / AW-082

Henry U. Onderdonk: alcohol allegations, suspension and restoration

Subject: Henry Ustick Onderdonk · **Role:** Bishop

Setting: Diocese of Pennsylvania. **Diocese:** Pennsylvania

Category: Alcohol-related misconduct; intemperance allegation

Conduct / complaint period: Before his 1844 resignation

Source basis: Contemporary publication of the church sentence; respondent's return-to-ministry sermon; scholarly diocesan history and historical reference work.

Historical House of Bishops discipline; governing Title IV designation not established.

Latest known outcome	Restored to ministry in 1856.

Status date: 1856

What was reported

Henry Onderdonk faced allegations of intemperance in 1844. A scholarly diocesan history describes his use of prescribed brandy for a chronic intestinal disorder and his resignation that June. The published church sentence records his acknowledgment that he had brought reproach on the church and suspended his public ministry and episcopal functions on October 21. The suspension was lifted in 1856, although he did not resume leadership as diocesan bishop.

Response

The historical account describes medical use of brandy; the official sentence records his acknowledgment of reproach and submission to the bishops' judgment.

Public-record limits

Alcohol-related allegations concern Henry U. Onderdonk of Pennsylvania, not the separate sexual allegations against Benjamin T. Onderdonk of New York.

Sources

1. Sentence concerning Bishop H. U. Onderdonk. Nauvoo Neighbor, reprinting the Philadelphia U.S. Gazette; BYU Studies · 1844-11-13. Publishes the October 21 suspension sentence and acknowledgment.

2. Refuge in God. Henry Ustick Onderdonk; C. Sherman & Son; Project Canterbury · 1856. Sermon of October 26, 1856, with correspondence welcoming his resumed ministry.

3. The American Cyclopaedia, Onderdonk entry. D. Appleton & Co.; Wikisource · 1879. Records the intemperance charge, suspension and 1856 restoration.

4. This Far by Faith: Tradition and Change in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania State University Press, edited by David R. Contosta; digital text · 2012. Pages 144–145 provide the medical context and resignation history.

PENNSYLVANIA / AW-083

Graham Pulkingham: admitted pastoral misconduct and suspension

Subject: W. Graham Pulkingham · **Role:** Priest and religious-community leader

Setting: Community of Celebration, Aliquippa; earlier ministry in Houston and the United Kingdom. **Diocese:** Diocese of Pittsburgh

Category: Adult sexual misconduct; alleged pastoral exploitation and admitted abuse of power and trust

Conduct / complaint period: Specific complaint concerned 1978–1982; broader admitted conduct reportedly spanned about two decades

Source basis: Attributed archival church reporting, media reports and/or identified primary records

A historical Episcopal inhibition and diocesan investigation are documented; no final tribunal result was retrieved.

Latest known outcome	He died in April 1993 while suspended. No completed church trial or merits judgment is established in the contemporary sources consulted.

Status date: 1993-05-17

What was reported

A woman complained that Pulkingham's sexual relationship with her husband, who had received his counseling, had damaged their marriage. The specific relationship was reported to have occurred while Pulkingham led a religious community in London. Pittsburgh Bishop Alden Hathaway said Pulkingham confirmed the allegations and acknowledged an abuse of power and trust. Contemporary reporting also described his admission of other relationships with adult men, including counselees.

Response

Pulkingham expressed shame and responsibility. Hathaway reported his acknowledgment of the misuse of pastoral power and trust.

Public-record limits

The disciplinary connection is to the U.S. Episcopal Church; the specific 1978–1982 relationship was reported in the United Kingdom. The indexed concern is pastoral conduct and exploitation, not sexual orientation.

Sources

1. Noted priest suspended for misconduct. Episcopal News Service · 1992-08-19. Reports the specific complaint, bishop's account of the admission, suspension and inquiry.

2. Sexual misconduct: Renewal leader Pulkingham admits guilt. Christianity Today · 1992-09-14. Provides Pulkingham's response and the wider reported conduct.

3. News from the North American scene. Christianity Today · 1993-05-17. Reports his April death and suspension during the investigation.

4. Second Stone, November–December 1992. Second Stone; LGBTQ Religious Archives Network · 1992-11. Describes canonical residence and Hathaway's inhibition.

PENNSYLVANIA / AW-036

Charles E. Bennison Jr.: response to abuse; disciplinary judgment reversed

Subject: Charles E. Bennison Jr. · **Role:** Rector during underlying events; later bishop of Pennsylvania

Setting: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Upland; Diocese of Pennsylvania. **Diocese:** Diocese of Pennsylvania; earlier Diocese of Los Angeles

Category: Failure to protect and disclose; institutional response to sexual abuse

Conduct / complaint period: 1970s handling of abuse; later disclosure and response

Source basis: Public official records and/or attributed media reporting

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Disciplinary judgment reversed on review; the principal charge was barred by the applicable church limitation period.

Status date: 2010-08-05

What was reported

Charles Bennison faced church charges concerning his response to sexual abuse by his brother John while Charles was rector of St. Mark's in Upland. A church trial court found misconduct and imposed deposition. In 2010 the review court reversed the judgment. It agreed that his response had been improper but held that the principal offense was time-barred. This is an institutional-response record; the cited proceedings did not accuse Charles of personally committing the sexual abuse.

Response

Charles maintained that the charges lacked merit and welcomed the review court's decision.

Public-record limits

The reversed judgment is not an operative deposition. Charles's alleged failures of protection and disclosure are distinct from John's direct abuse.

Related records: AW-003.

Sources

1. Court rules in favor of Charles Bennison. Episcopal News Service · 2010-08-05. Explains reversal and the limitation-period ruling.

2. Court imposes final sentence of deposition. Episcopal News Service · 2009-02-04. Documents the trial-stage judgment subsequently reversed.

3. Bishop's inhibition at diocesan convention. Episcopal News Service · 2007-11-05. Records the public announcement and initial procedural context.

PENNSYLVANIA / AW-037

Donald Davis: abuse disclosures and historical complaint handling

Subject: Donald J. Davis · **Role:** Former diocesan bishop

Setting: Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania and its summer camp. **Diocese:** Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania

Category: Child sexual abuse; adult harassment and intimidation

Conduct / complaint period: Late 1970s and early 1980s in initial reports; other dates not specified

Source basis: Public official records and/or attributed media reporting

Historical complaint handling and private restrictions; a formal Title IV adjudication is not established.

Latest known outcome	Historical allegations publicly acknowledged by the diocese; Davis was already deceased when the 2010 disclosures were made.

Status date: 2010-09-13

What was reported

Bishop Sean Rowe publicly acknowledged reports of childhood sexual abuse by deceased former bishop Davis, including abuse connected with the diocesan summer camp. A September 2010 update described nine women who had reported abuse or intimidation: seven reported childhood abuse and two reported harassment or intimidation as adults. Rowe said earlier church leaders had known of reports and arranged restrictions and counseling privately. The account documents church acknowledgment, not a criminal verdict.

Response

Davis died in 2007. Rowe reported that Davis agreed in 1994 to refrain from priestly and episcopal duties and helped pay counseling costs. In 2010 Rowe questioned why earlier leaders had handled the reports privately; ENS also reported that several victims had requested confidentiality.

Public-record limits

A formal Title IV adjudication or deposition was not established. The nine reported accounts are not nine adjudicated child-abuse findings.

Sources

1. Bishop asks victims of abusive predecessor to come forward. Episcopal News Service · 2010-07-12. Documents initial disclosures and earlier church handling.

2. Bishop reports further accounts. Episcopal News Service · 2010-09-13. Distinguishes seven childhood accounts from two adult reports.

PENNSYLVANIA / AW-101

Thomas Whittemore: diocesan findings of child abuse

Subject: Thomas Whittemore · **Role:** Lay boys' choir director and church musician

Setting: St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia; later employed by Trinity Church, Princeton. **Diocese:** Pennsylvania; New Jersey

Category: Child sexual abuse; lay employee; safeguarding failures

Conduct / complaint period: St. Peter's employment, 1984–2003; precise abuse dates not specified in the reviewed summary

Source basis: Official joint diocesan investigation findings, episcopal statement and parish response

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Dismissal and substantiated diocesan findings publicly disclosed; no later criminal disposition located in this review.

Status date: 2022-09-29

What was reported

The Pennsylvania and New Jersey dioceses reported that their independent investigation substantiated Whittemore's sexual abuse of two minors during his St. Peter's tenure. Their summary also described drugs and alcohol supplied to boys and sexualized boundary violations. It separately identified inadequate handling of another incident involving an assistant rector, while saying the investigation did not establish that clergy knew of Whittemore's abuse. The findings are those of a diocesan investigation, not a criminal court.

Response

The diocesan summary says Whittemore declined an interview but acknowledged at least one sexual encounter with the initial complainant.

Public-record limits

Employment at another parish does not itself establish abuse there. The announcement's separate clergy-review issue should not be counted as a Title IV proceeding against a lay employee.

Sources

1. Initial episcopal statement on Whittemore. Diocese of Pennsylvania statement via Episcopal News Service · 2022-02-25. Lay status, employment history, investigation and termination.

2. Official Whittemore investigation findings. Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania · 2022-09-29. Substantiated abuse, Whittemore's reported response and separate clergy-handling issue.

3. Trinity Princeton's parish response. Trinity Church, Princeton · 2022-10-22. Acknowledges the investigation and describes community response.

PENNSYLVANIA / AW-118

Clergy Assurance Fund: officer's fraud and questions about oversight

Subject: John A. Miller; related Clergy Assurance Fund oversight questions · **Role:** Executive director and treasurer

Setting: Clergy Assurance Fund, formerly the Widows Corporation. **Diocese:** Fund serving Pennsylvania's Episcopal dioceses

Category: Financial fraud; false records; institutional oversight questions

Conduct / complaint period: 2015–2022

Source basis: Federal sentencing announcement; ENS reporting of the fund's investigation and responses; attributed AW governance criticism

Lay or institutional record; no Title IV clergy proceeding established.

Latest known outcome	2026 guilty plea and sentence established. Oversight criticism remains separate from Miller's adjudicated conduct; recovery of the full restitution amount was not verified.

Status date: 2026-09-09

What was reported

Miller diverted more than $1.6 million from the fund serving deceased Episcopal clergy's families, using personal payments disguised as legitimate beneficiary transactions and false accounting entries. He pleaded guilty in 2026 and received a federal sentence. *Anglican Watch* separately questioned how the scheme escaped the fund's governance and auditing arrangements. Those oversight questions are not findings that board members, bishops or auditors participated in or knew about the fraud.

Response

When initially confronted about credit-card charges in 2022, Miller said he misunderstood the policy and chose retirement, according to the fund's account reported by ENS. His later guilty plea concerned the broader fraud and laundering case.

Public-record limits

Earlier audit estimates and the final restitution figure are not interchangeable. Board membership alone does not establish negligence, knowledge or participation. No current status of individual trustees is inferred.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch*'s questions about oversight are editorial analysis, not a separate adjudicated finding against the governing corporation.

Sources

1. Former director accused of stealing from Pennsylvania clergy death benefit fund. Episcopal News Service · 2022-10-14. Reports the audit, Miller's initial explanation and the fund's institutional response.

2. Former executive director charged with stealing from church families. U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Pennsylvania · 2023-12-22. Contemporary announcement of the original indictment and alleged deception of executives and auditors.

3. Former nonprofit executive sentenced to ten months in prison. U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Pennsylvania · 2026-09-09. Confirms the guilty plea, sentence and restitution.

4. Clergy Assurance Fund theft and oversight questions. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-10-09. Raises governance questions while expressly declining to assert that bishops participated in or knew of the theft.

PENNSYLVANIA / AW-038

Daniel Gutiérrez: handling of a priest's misconduct case

Subject: Daniel Gutiérrez · **Role:** Bishop

Setting: Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. **Diocese:** Pennsylvania

Category: Handling of sexual-misconduct allegations

Conduct / complaint period: Underlying priest case described by the diocese as approximately three years old in June 2024

Source basis: Public allegation or disciplinary record, with attributed responses and outcomes

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome Last documented stage: referred for investigation. Later outcome not located.

Status date: 2024-06-13

What was reported

A complaint challenged Gutiérrez's handling of sexual-misconduct allegations against a diocesan priest. The bishop denied wrongdoing and said he had acted pastorally toward both the complainant and respondent. This is an allegation about episcopal oversight, not an allegation that Gutiérrez committed sexual misconduct. The last disposition located is the 2024 investigation referral; this review did not establish whether the matter later concluded.

Response

Denied wrongdoing and defended his pastoral response to both parties.

Public-record limits

Oversight allegation only; current pending status is not inferred.

Related records: AW-039.

Sources

1. Disclosure of five Title IV matters involving presiding bishop candidates. The Episcopal Church · 2024-06-13. Official disclosure identifying the complaints and their procedural dispositions.

2. Three presiding bishop candidates have faced Title IV disciplinary claims. Episcopal News Service · 2024-06-13. Reports the complaints, diocesan context, and responses from the bishops.

PENNSYLVANIA / AW-039

Daniel Gutiérrez: complaint about discipline and pastoral support dismissed

Subject: Daniel Gutiérrez · **Role:** Bishop

Setting: Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. **Diocese:** Pennsylvania

Category: Disciplinary decision and pastoral response

Conduct / complaint period: Before May 2024; exact dates not publicly specified

Source basis: Public allegation or disciplinary record, with attributed responses and outcomes

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Dismissed with pastoral response.

Status date: 2024-05-28

What was reported

An anonymous complaint criticized an accord as too severe and challenged the pastoral support provided to the affected parish. The reference panel dismissed the matter with pastoral response. The diocese told Episcopal News Service this complaint was unrelated to the separate June 2024 oversight allegation. The two proceedings therefore receive separate entries, with the dismissal displayed alongside the allegation.

Response

The diocese distinguished this matter from the later complaint; the reviewed sources contain no separate detailed merits response.

Public-record limits

No inference of misconduct follows from the complaint or the reference panel's pastoral response.

Related records: AW-038.

Sources

1. Disclosure of five Title IV matters involving presiding bishop candidates. The Episcopal Church · 2024-06-13. Official disclosure identifying the complaints and their procedural dispositions.

2. Three presiding bishop candidates have faced Title IV disciplinary claims. Episcopal News Service · 2024-06-13. Reports the complaints, diocesan context, and responses from the bishops.

3. Title IV cases disclosed before the presiding bishop election. The Living Church · 2024-06-13. Reports the separate complaints, dismissal, and diocesan responses.

RHODE ISLAND / AW-040

St. George’s School: historical abuse and institutional-response investigations

Subject: St. George’s School · **Role:** Episcopal school; historical staff, students and administrators

Setting: St. George’s School, Middletown. **Diocese:** Episcopal affiliation; school record rather than a diocesan Title IV case

Category: Child sexual abuse; peer abuse; institutional handling

Conduct / complaint period: 1970–2015 investigation scope

Source basis: Public official records and/or attributed media reporting

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Public institutional findings are available in the 2016 report; individual disciplinary and criminal outcomes require their own records.

Status date: 2016-09-01

What was reported

The school’s 2015 publication and a larger 2016 investigation document historical sexual abuse and misconduct involving staff and students, together with failures in the school’s handling of reports. The later inquiry reviewed witness accounts and records, addressed individual responses, and distinguished corroborated findings from other allegations. This entry indexes the institution-level reports. It is not a finding against every trustee or employee, and it is not a count of individual victims or accused people.

Response

The school publicly acknowledged abuse and commissioned investigations. Individual responses differ and are recorded in the reports.

Public-record limits

The report aggregates many matters. It cannot be treated as one clergy case or as a finding against everyone connected with the school.

Sources

1. School’s public investigative report. St. George’s School · 2015-12-23. Documents the initial investigation, acknowledgment and response.

2. Sexual Abuse at St. George’s School and the School’s Response: 1970 to 2015. Martin F. Murphy, Foley Hoag; preserved by BishopAccountability · 2016-09-01. Complete independent report with findings, limitations, responses and exhibits.

SOUTH CAROLINA / AW-084

Antoine Lamont Campbell: adultery acquittal and later withdrawn charges

Subject: Antoine Lamont Campbell · **Role:** South Carolina priest and Virginia suffragan bishop-elect

Setting: Diocese of Virginia; St. James' Church, Texas. **Diocese:** Diocese of South Carolina; election in Virginia; later call in Texas

Category: Alleged adultery and separate sexual harassment allegations; acquittal and dropped presentments

Conduct / complaint period: Allegations made in 1993–1994; underlying conduct dates not established in these sources

Source basis: Attributed archival church reporting, media reports and/or identified primary records

These were historical Episcopal presentments and an ecclesiastical trial, even though some accounts do not use today's Title IV terminology.

Latest known outcome	The reported outcome was acquittal on the initial adultery charge, withdrawal from the bishop-election process, and later dropping of the remaining presentments. He received a subsequent Texas parish call.

Status date: 1994-08

What was reported

After Campbell's election as a suffragan bishop in Virginia, an adultery allegation produced a South Carolina church trial. He was acquitted. Separate sexual harassment allegations followed, including a woman priest's complaint. Virginia's standing committee conducted its own inquiry and asked him to relinquish the election. The later presentments and their disposition must be kept distinct from the initial acquittal: The Witness subsequently reported that the remaining charges were dropped in May 1994.

Response

St. James' representatives defended Campbell's innocence. The Witness published a correction confirming that Texas Bishop Maurice Benitez had informed parish decision-makers about the pending charges before the call.

Public-record limits

The sources do not establish a misconduct finding. Withdrawal of allegations does not itself establish that the complainants acted falsely or maliciously.

Sources

1. General Convention will respond to shock waves sent by cases of sexual misconduct. Episcopal News Service · 1994-06-15. Summarizes the adultery acquittal and Virginia election withdrawal.

2. The Witness: correction and chronology of the Campbell matter. The Witness · 1994-08. Updates the later presentments, reports their withdrawal, and corrects reporting about the Texas call.

3. Past history of the Diocese of Virginia. Diocese of Virginia · Undated. Dates the November 4, 1993 resignation of the election and notes the subsequent Texas call.

SOUTH CAROLINA / AW-123

Eddie Fischer / Porter-Gaud: abuse and school accountability

Subject: Edward (Eddie) Fischer; Porter-Gaud School's institutional response · **Role:** Lay science teacher and athletics adviser; school administrators' handling of complaints

Setting: Porter-Gaud School, Charleston. **Diocese:** South Carolina during the relevant employment period; independent Episcopal school

Category: Child sexual abuse; negligent complaint handling; civil settlements

Conduct / complaint period: Porter-Gaud employment, 1972–1982; later abuse at other schools reported as context

Source basis: Contemporary education reporting, a later court opinion recounting settlements, local newspaper follow-up and AW reporting

Lay or institutional record; no Title IV clergy proceeding established.

Latest known outcome	Criminal sentence followed by Fischer's death; civil verdict followed by settlements. The complete later settlement record was not retrieved.

Status date: 2004

What was reported

Former students reported sexual abuse by Fischer. He received a 20-year prison sentence in 1999. A civil jury later found Porter-Gaud and two former administrators negligent in handling abuse complaints and awarded $105 million in one case. That verdict was followed by a settlement covering nine lawsuits, not payment of the headline award. The school publicly apologized to affected individuals and families and established counseling and prevention measures. Fischer died in prison in 2002.

Response

Reporting records Fischer's admission to abusing boys. The school expressed regret, settled claims and announced counseling, reporting and screening measures.

Public-record limits

The $105 million verdict is not presented as the amount paid. School-level negligence is not imputed to every trustee or to the diocese. Claims about causes of later alumni deaths are outside this entry.

Sources

1. S.C. School Settles Teacher Sex-Abuse Cases. Education Week; Lisa Fine · 2000-11-29. Criminal sentence, civil verdict, subsequent settlement, apology and safeguarding changes.

2. Doe v. Howe, Opinion No. 4061. South Carolina Court of Appeals · 2005-12-19. Later attorney-liability opinion recounts a claimant's settlement and subsequent Porter-Gaud verdicts and settlements.

3. A History of Predators. The Post and Courier; archived by BishopAccountability.org · 2011-11-07. Fischer's admissions, school handling and death in prison in 2002.

4. Spotlight on abuse: Episcopal lay employee Eddie Fischer. *Anglican Watch* · Undated. Episcopal employment connection and later civil-settlement reporting.

TENNESSEE / AW-041

Brad Whitaker: repeated complaints and 2025 deposition

Subject: Brad Whitaker · **Role:** Former rector

Setting: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chattanooga. **Diocese:** Diocese of East Tennessee

Category: Adult conduct and digital-boundary allegations; alleged misrepresentation

Conduct / complaint period: 2019 and later complaint received in February 2025; precise conduct dates withheld

Source basis: Public official records and/or attributed media reporting

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Deposition announced in the diocese's April 14, 2025 letter.

Status date: 2025-04-14

What was reported

The diocese disclosed a 2019 complaint about inappropriate digital communications with an adult parishioner and a 2025 complaint alleging inappropriate adult conduct and misrepresentation. It said an earlier suspension in another diocese was known when Whitaker was called to St. Paul's. The 2019 response was a pastoral directive; the 2025 case ended in agreed deposition. The public notice does not specify sexual acts, and this entry preserves that limitation.

Response

Whitaker agreed to deposition. The newspaper reported receiving no response to its request for comment.

Public-record limits

The diocese said no criminal conduct was alleged in the 2025 matter. Details remain limited; the record does not support assigning an assault category.

Sources

1. A letter to the diocese. Diocese of East Tennessee · 2025-04-14. Documents both complaints, prior discipline, the response and deposition.

2. Former St. Paul's rector deposed. Chattanooga Times Free Press · 2025-03-20. Reports the parish announcement and Whitaker's lack of response to a request for comment.

TEXAS / AW-115

Ronald Null: alleged misuse of diocesan property funds

Subject: Ronald D. Null · **Role:** Former diocesan treasurer

Setting: Diocesan treasury and property-purchase fund. **Diocese:** Diocese of Texas

Category: Alleged financial misappropriation and concealment

Conduct / complaint period: Years preceding his 2005 departure; exact period not established

Source basis: Contemporary Episcopal News Service digest reproducing Houston Chronicle reporting

Lay or institutional record; no Title IV clergy proceeding established.

Latest known outcome	Historical indictment and arrest reported; final disposition not established. This does not mean the case remains pending.

Status date: 2005-07-28

What was reported

The diocese alleged that Null diverted approximately $600,000 from a property fund and concealed transactions from church officials and auditors. Episcopal News Service, drawing on Houston Chronicle reporting, described a felony-theft indictment and July 2005 arrest. The diocese planned a special audit and referral of its results to prosecutors. These are allegations and reported charging events; a subsequent verdict, plea or dismissal was not located.

Response

Null's attorney said Null voluntarily disclosed the irregularities. The diocese disputed that account.

Public-record limits

The reported loss is not a judicially established amount here. Do not infer current employment, guilt or unresolved proceedings from this historical source.

Sources

1. Diocesan Digest: former Texas Episcopal treasurer arrested. Episcopal News Service, citing the Houston Chronicle · 2005-07-28. Records allegations, charging history and counsel's contrary account of disclosure.

TEXAS / AW-125

Nathan Campbell / Episcopal School of Dallas: abuse and student's forced withdrawal

Subject: John Nathan Campbell; Episcopal School of Dallas administration · **Role:** Lay history teacher; school administrators responsible for the student's treatment

Setting: Episcopal School of Dallas. **Diocese:** Dallas geographical setting; school-specific record

Category: Child sexual abuse; alleged wrongful exclusion and institutional response

Conduct / complaint period: 2009 conduct and school response; litigation and disposition in 2011–2013

Source basis: Trial reporting, criminal disposition reporting and later account by the family's law firm

Lay or institutional record; no Title IV clergy proceeding established.

Latest known outcome	Civil case resolved by a reported confidential settlement after the verdict; criminal guilty plea and supervision separately reported.

Status date: 2013-12-31

What was reported

A student and her family challenged the school's response after discovering sexual involvement between the minor and teacher Nathan Campbell. They alleged the school failed to protect her and forced her to withdraw. A 2011 jury awarded approximately $9.3 million against the school; the family's lawyers later reported a confidential settlement. Campbell separately pleaded guilty to sexual assault of a child and received community supervision. The institutional civil outcome and his criminal plea are separate.

Response

Administrators testified that a fresh start elsewhere was in the student's interests. The school initially planned an appeal. Campbell's lawyer described the plea resolution as fair.

Public-record limits

The verdict amount is not the verified settlement payment. The plea's deferred-adjudication structure is preserved; completion of supervision and any later discharge were not verified.

Disclosure. The source reporting the final confidential settlement is the law firm that represented the student and her family.

Companion criminal catalog TX-03. Criminal and church outcomes are separate.

Sources

1. Texas Dallas jury awards $9.3M to expelled student. The Daily Record Newswire / Detroit Legal News; Sylvia Hsieh · 2011-10-13. Trial allegations, award and administrators' stated rationale for withdrawal.

2. Campbell Pleads Guilty, Gets Probation UPDATED. People Newspapers · 2011-10-10. Guilty plea, dropped count, supervision, registration and defense counsel's deferred-adjudication description.

3. Aldous Law Inducted in Texas Verdicts Hall of Fame. Aldous Law, counsel for the family · 2013-12-31. Reports confidential settlement after the verdict; the firm's account is identified as a party-side source.

4. Doe v. Episcopal School of Dallas. Aldous Law, counsel for the family · 2011-07-01. Public account identifying 2009 as the underlying conduct period; page subsequently updated.

TEXAS / AW-099

Douglas Evan Anderson: allegations and 2024 accord

Subject: Douglas Evan Anderson · **Role:** Former St. James rector; later Advent rector

Setting: St. James Episcopal Church, Texarkana; Church of the Advent, Boston. **Diocese:** Dallas; Massachusetts

Category: Sexual harassment and exploitation allegations; disputed representations; admitted conduct unbecoming

Conduct / complaint period: Alleged conduct during Texarkana tenure; exact incident dates not verified

Source basis: Official accord notice and AW coverage of published filings and additional complaints

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Accord announced; the published restriction ran through June 10, 2024. Current licensing or later ministry status was not independently established.

Status date: 2024-01-26

What was reported

AW described allegations that Anderson had sexual contact with an adult executive of a nonprofit connected with his former Texarkana parish, and alleged that he exploited a position of authority over her, and misrepresented events in an earlier disciplinary proceeding. It also reported additional women's complaints and bullying or shunning of Advent members supporting women's ordination. These reported allegations are broader than the admission identified in the public accord notice: violation of the conduct-unbecoming canon.

Response

AW's account of respondent counsel's filing describes denials and disputes about authority and the alleged conduct. The later accord notice records an admission to Canon **IV.4.1**(h)(9), without findings on every reported allegation.

Public-record limits

The notice establishes a specific admission and restriction, not a criminal conviction or a merits finding on all harassment, dishonesty or shunning allegations. Related Halt and Sumner entries concern handling and retaliation.

Related records: AW-100, AW-042, AW-120.

Sources

1. Official notice of Anderson accord. Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts · 2024-01-26. Admission to Canon **IV.4.1**(h)(9), prior restriction and June 2024 end date.

2. Anderson allegations and respondent filing. *Anglican Watch* · 2023-02-06. Describes the allegations, counsel's denials and diocesan document publication.

3. Additional Anderson complaints and shunning allegations. *Anglican Watch* · 2023-02-11. Attributed additional harassment and Advent bullying/shunning reports.

4. Analysis of the Anderson accord. *Anglican Watch* · 2024-02-02. Publisher's distinction between the negotiated accord and adjudication of the original allegations.

TEXAS / AW-100

David Halt: reported retaliation against Richard Daly

Subject: David J. A. Halt · **Role:** Rector

Setting: St. James Episcopal Church, Texarkana. **Diocese:** Dallas

Category: Retaliation; complaint handling; disputed representations

Conduct / complaint period: Before the April 2023 public complaint report; later alleged disparagement

Source basis: AW reporting, reproduced complaint and related published bishop-case outcome

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Reported dismissal of the Halt complaint; no later merits decision concerning this retaliation allegation located.

Status date: 2024-10-05

What was reported

AW reported that Halt participated with Bishop George Sumner in forcing parochial vicar Richard Daly out after Daly forwarded a sexual harassment complaint involving former rector Douglas Anderson. The allegations include misleading explanations of Daly's departure and later disparagement. A complaint against Halt is procedurally distinct from the complaint against Anderson and from the bishop-level proceeding against Sumner. This entry concerns alleged retaliation and handling, not an accusation that Halt personally committed the underlying sexual harassment.

Response

No direct Halt response was located. AW reports that the complaint was dismissed. The related bishop reference panel later found no basis to proceed against Sumner on the claims it reviewed.

Public-record limits

The underlying harassment is indexed under Douglas Anderson. The bishop's favorable procedural outcome must not be silently converted into either a finding against Halt or a complete resolution of every complaint about him.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* separately filed a related complaint against Bishop George Sumner. Its reporting reflects that participation.

Related records: AW-099, AW-042, AW-110.

Sources

1. Halt complaint publicly reported. *Anglican Watch* · 2023-04-01. Reports retaliation complaint and includes redacted complaint image.

2. Report of Halt dismissal and continued retaliation allegations. *Anglican Watch* · 2024-10-05. States that a complaint against Halt was dismissed; describes the alleged removal of Daly.

3. Sumner reference-panel conclusion. Episcopal Church reference panel; copy hosted by *Anglican Watch* · 2025-12-19. Separate bishop-case disposition; see existing Sumner entry for the complete account.

TEXAS / AW-042

George Sumner: retaliation and complaint-handling allegations

Subject: George Sumner · **Role:** Bishop of Dallas at the relevant time

Setting: Episcopal Diocese of Dallas; St. James, Texarkana. **Diocese:** Dallas

Category: Alleged retaliation; handling of sexual-harassment complaints

Conduct / complaint period: Before the November 2025 intake notice; earlier complaints also reported

Source basis: Public allegation or disciplinary record, with attributed responses and outcomes

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Concluded with pastoral response; panel stated it did not believe a canonical violation occurred.

Status date: 2025-12-19

What was reported

Anglican Watch alleged that Sumner forced a priest into retirement for opposing sexual harassment and obstructed a related complaint. Its earlier reporting also accused national officials of delay after Ousley acknowledged receipt and follow-ups went to Kempf. On December 19, 2025, the reference panel concluded the Sumner matter with pastoral response, viewing the retirement and related actions as within his discretion and finding no information establishing improper interference. The panel said it did not believe a canonical violation occurred. *Anglican Watch* disputes that reasoning.

Response

The panel's determination favored Sumner; no separate personal response was located in the reviewed sources.

Public-record limits

Anglican Watch is both publisher and complainant. Alleged retaliation/oversight is not a claim that Sumner personally committed the underlying sexual harassment.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* and its editor Eric Bonetti were involved as complainant in the reported Sumner matter. The publication disputes the favorable determination; its coverage is an involved publisher's account.

Related records: AW-099, AW-100, AW-110.

Sources

1. Reference panel final determination in the Sumner matter. Disciplinary Board for Bishops; copy published by *Anglican Watch* · 2025-12-19. States the panel's reasons and concludes the complaint with pastoral response.

2. *Anglican Watch* account of the Sumner complaint and outcome. *Anglican Watch* · 2025-12-19. The complainant publication sets out its retaliation allegation and disputes the panel's handling.

3. Earlier Sumner complaint reporting. *Anglican Watch* · 2024-10-05. Documents *Anglican Watch*'s earlier complaint and follow-up account.

TEXAS / AW-043

Edward Monk: financial allegations and appellate remand

Subject: Edward R. Monk · **Role:** Rector; formerly Nashotah House board chair

Setting: St. John's Episcopal Church, Corsicana. **Diocese:** Diocese of Dallas

Category: Financial misconduct; alleged fraud and misuse of church funds

Conduct / complaint period: Conduct under investigation by July 2024; full period not established

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	New disciplinary hearing ordered on appeal; subsequent disciplinary outcome not established in sources reviewed.

Status date: 2026-03-24

What was reported

Monk faced six Title IV allegations concerning parish finances, including failure to safeguard church funds and dishonesty or fraud. He denied wrongdoing. A diocesan hearing panel recommended deposition in May 2025, but the Court of Review ordered a new hearing in March 2026 because of serious procedural failures. Separate criminal charges were also reported. The appellate ruling concerned the fairness of the church proceeding and did not determine criminal guilt or resolve the underlying financial allegations.

Response

Monk denied wrongdoing and challenged the diocesan hearing process on appeal.

Public-record limits

The remand must accompany any reference to the 2025 findings. Criminal and ecclesiastical proceedings are separate; an older scheduled criminal trial date is not a verified outcome.

Sources

1. Priest faces fraud allegations at Diocese of Dallas parish. Episcopal News Service · 2024-11-22. Reports allegations, parish context, and Monk's denial.

2. Dallas panel recommends priest's removal. Episcopal News Service · 2025-06-03. Reports the May 2025 findings and recommendation.

3. Court of Review finds Dallas erred and orders new hearing. Episcopal News Service · 2026-04-06. Reports March 2026 remand and distinguishes the criminal case.

4. Dallas Title IV and clergy resources. Diocese of Dallas · Undated. Links official active-case materials and appeal information.

TEXAS / AW-102

Scott Bader-Saye: supervisory relationship and dismissal

Subject: Scott Bader-Saye · **Role:** Lay dean and president; professor of Christian ethics and moral theology

Setting: Seminary of the Southwest, Austin. **Diocese:** Texas

Category: Adult relationship; supervisory boundaries; employment-policy finding

Conduct / complaint period: Before September 2025; dates not publicly specified

Source basis: Board leadership's published statement and independent church reporting

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Employment terminated; no subsequent reversal or reinstatement located.

Status date: 2025-09-04

What was reported

Seminary of the Southwest's board leadership said Bader-Saye acknowledged developing an inappropriate relationship with an employee he supervised. The board determined that the relationship violated personnel, faculty and safeguarding standards and dismissed him immediately. The public statement locates the violation in the supervisory relationship and his leadership obligations; it does not provide a finding of sexual assault, coercion or harassment. His status as a lay leader makes this an important example of institutional accountability outside clergy discipline.

Response

The board's statement attributes an admission to Bader-Saye. No separate substantive response from him was located.

Public-record limits

Do not label the relationship sexual harassment or abuse without further evidence. The institution's adverse employment finding is distinct from a church-court judgment.

Sources

1. Seminary leadership letter announcing termination. Seminary of the Southwest leadership; Anglican Ink republication · 2025-09-05. Admission, policy grounds and immediate dismissal.

2. Independent account of seminary dismissal. The Living Church · 2025-09-09. Employment and leadership context; board's stated grounds.

3. ENS reports interim successor. Episcopal News Service · 2025-12-02. Follow-up confirming the September termination and replacement process.

TEXAS / AW-110

David Halt: complaint alleges attempted exclusion of gay couple

Subject: David Halt · **Role:** Rector

Setting: St. James Episcopal Church, Texarkana. **Diocese:** Dallas

Category: Alleged anti-gay exclusion and fabricated canonical justification

Conduct / complaint period: By September 2025; exact dates not reported

Source basis: Public allegation reported by *Anglican Watch*.

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Reported complaint filing; no case-specific adjudication or closure identified.

Status date: 2025-09-06

What was reported

Anglican Watch reported that an unnamed parishioner filed a Title IV complaint alleging Halt tried to drive a gay couple from St. James using nonexistent canonical provisions. The article does not identify the purported provisions or reproduce a disposition.

Response

No response to this specific allegation was located.

Public-record limits

Filing is attributed to the publisher; acceptance for further proceedings is unconfirmed. Separate retaliation complaints must not supply this case's outcome.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* separately filed a related complaint against Bishop George Sumner.

Related records: AW-100, AW-042.

Sources

1. Title IV clergy disciplinary complaint filed against David Halt after allegedly forcing gay couple out of St. James, Texarkana. *Anglican Watch* · 2025-09-06. Complaint report; page also displays a November 12, 2026 update.

2. Saint James Church, Texarkana. St. James Episcopal Church · Undated. Parish identity, diocese and David Halt's name.

TEXAS / AW-098

Amy Moehnke: harassment and retaliation complaints

Subject: Amy Moehnke · **Role:** Priest locum tenens

Setting: Calvary Episcopal Church, Bastrop. **Diocese:** Texas

Category: Sexual harassment allegations; pastoral boundaries; retaliation

Conduct / complaint period: Alleged conduct beginning in 2024; later retaliation alleged in 2026

Source basis: *Anglican Watch* reports with linked complaint, correspondence and diocesan notices

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Pastoral-response referrals reported for the initial complaint and the later retaliation complaint; no adjudicated misconduct finding located.

Status date: 2026-09-05

What was reported

A Calvary parishioner alleged repeated unwanted and increasingly sexualized boundary violations by Moehnke toward her, with related concerns involving her family. A later complaint alleged retaliation through comments suggesting the complainant was mentally unwell or unsafe around children. AW's reporting describes the first harassment complaint and the later retaliation complaint as separate matters. It disputes the diocese's handling of both; the accusations should not be recast as adjudicated findings. In August 2026, AW also reported additional allegations of bullying and abusive behavior by unnamed Calvary vestry members. It did not supply individual names or detailed incidents for that broader lay allegation.

Response

No separate public response from Moehnke was located. AW reports that the diocese selected pastoral responses rather than further disciplinary proceedings.

Public-record limits

The linked notices were inaccessible in this review; their outcomes are attributed to AW. A pastoral response is not itself an adjudication. The apparent no-contact direction's exact terms were not verified. The additional vestry allegation is attributed reporting and does not accuse every vestry member. No separate lay disciplinary finding is established.

Sources

1. Initial Moehnke complaint and pastoral-response report. *Anglican Watch* · 2025-10-16. Original allegations, reported filing and October 2025 referral; links complaint and notice.

2. Moehnke boundary-direction update. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-04-06. Reports an apparent no-contact direction and subsequent boundary concerns.

3. Later Moehnke retaliation complaint. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-09-05. Separate retaliation allegations and reported pastoral-response disposition.

4. Moehnke retaliation complaint and related Calvary bullying reports. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-08-11; current page reviewed 2026-11-15. Reports additional bullying allegations involving clergy and unnamed vestry members, alongside the separate clergy complaint.

UTAH / AW-085

Steven Plummer: minor-abuse disclosure, leave and return

Subject: Steven Tsosie Plummer · **Role:** Bishop of Navajoland; conduct reported before his consecration

Setting: Episcopal Church in Navajoland. **Diocese:** Navajoland Area Mission

Category: Reported sexual activity with a male minor in a relationship of trust

Conduct / complaint period: A two-year period in the 1980s; contemporary summaries differ on its precise endpoint

Source basis: Attributed archival church reporting, media reports and/or identified primary records

Historical handling dispute expressly reported as outside formal discipline; inclusion does not convert it into a Title IV tribunal case.

Latest known outcome	Plummer returned to episcopal ministry in June 1994 and remained bishop until his death in April 2005.

Status date: 2005-04-02

What was reported

A deacon reported that Plummer had confided sexual activity with a male minor over a two-year period. Plummer took a year's leave beginning in May 1993. The Episcopal Council on Indian Ministries asked him to resign and objected to continuing episcopal ministry in the circumstances. Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning later recommended his return after treatment and consultations in Navajoland, with the House of Bishops' support.

Response

ENS attributed the disclosure to Plummer's reported admission to a deacon. Browning defended the return after treatment and consultations; Indigenous church leaders objected. The cited notices do not publish a detailed response from Plummer to those objections.

Public-record limits

The consulted records establish a disclosure and church response, not a published tribunal finding. They do not resolve the discrepancy in reported conduct dates.

Sources

1. Steven Plummer will resume ministry as bishop of Navajoland. Episcopal News Service · 1994-04-21. Reports the disclosure, leave, return decision and Indigenous church leaders' objections.

2. Navajoland Bishop Steven Plummer dies at 60. Episcopal News Service · 2005-04-02. Confirms his death and resumed episcopal service after the leave.

3. Disciplinary rules for bishops achieve equity for clergy. Episcopal News Service · 1997-08-06. Distinguishes this pastoral handling from formal discipline.

4. General Convention will respond to shock waves sent by cases of sexual misconduct. Episcopal News Service · 1994-06-15. Offers a conduct-period description that differs from the April account.

VIRGINIA / AW-086

Byron Bruce Newell: sexual misconduct complaints and ecclesiastical deposition

Subject: Byron Bruce Newell · **Role:** Assistant rector during the alleged conduct; later seminary employee

Setting: The Falls Church, then Episcopal; later Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry. **Diocese:** Diocese of Virginia

Category: Sexual abuse and exploitation allegations involving adult parishioners; church trial and deposition

Conduct / complaint period: 1987–1988

Source basis: Attributed archival church reporting, media reports and/or identified primary records

The presentment and ecclesiastical trial belong to the historical Episcopal disciplinary system.

Latest known outcome	Deposition in October 1993 is the documented church disposition. The Witness reported in June 1994 that it would not affect his seminary staff position.

Status date: 1994-06

What was reported

Several women complained about Newell's conduct at The Falls Church. He was removed from parish duties and directed to receive counseling. A later, fuller account led to a formal presentment and ecclesiastical trial. Separately, a woman alleged sexual abuse during pastoral counseling and sued Newell and church defendants. That civil action was dismissed on limitations and church–state grounds; the dismissal did not supply a factual exoneration.

Response

Newell declined an appeal and maintained that he had already been punished sufficiently.

Public-record limits

The church judgment and civil dismissal are separate outcomes. The sources used here do not establish the final disposition of any civil appeal or a criminal case.

Sources

1. The hot-button issue: Clergy sexual misconduct. The Witness · 1994-06. Describes complaints, delayed presentment, deposition and continued seminary employment.

2. Judge dismisses $4 million lawsuit in Virginia. Episcopal News Service · 1993-06-07. Explains the civil dismissal and confirms a separate church trial was proceeding.

3. VA. priest defrocked after trial by peers. The Washington Post · 1993-10-16. Respondent's position.

4. VA. Episcopal diocese investigating sexual allegations against priest. The Washington Post · 1993-03-20. Contemporaneous notice of the investigation.

VIRGINIA / AW-111

Laurence Packard: contested Title IV proceedings at Good Shepherd, Burke

Subject: Laurence K. (Larry) Packard · **Role:** Rector during the reported proceedings; later listed as retired

Setting: Church of the Good Shepherd, Burke. **Diocese:** Virginia

Category: Publicly disclosed disciplinary proceeding; allegations incompletely available

Conduct / complaint period: 2011–2012 proceedings; underlying conduct dates not established

Source basis: Competing public parish petitions; later parish bulletin and diocesan clergy listing

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Final canonical disposition unverified. Supporters reported reinstatement; the later diocesan clergy listing identifies him as retired.

Status date: 2024 clergy listing; disciplinary disposition undetermined

What was reported

A parishioners' petition describes administrative leave supported by Bishop Shannon Johnston's written reasons of November 14, 2011, and a revised Statement of Offenses dated March 5, 2012. Petitioners said employee-related allegations had been removed and sought reinstatement. A separate petition supported Packard's removal as rector. The full charging instrument was not retrieved; this entry does not reconstruct specific offenses from online commentary.

Response

Supporters contested the leave and invoked the presumption of noncommission. No direct Packard statement or final diocesan decision was located.

Public-record limits

The petitions establish public positions and reported procedure, not findings. Retirement from parish work is distinct from removal from ordained ministry. Neither a final disciplinary order nor a later renunciation or deposition was located.

Sources

1. New petition to reinstate the rector. Good Shepherd petitioners; iPetitions · 2012-05-03; update dated 2012-05-21. Supporters describe Title IV procedure, contest leave and report reinstatement.

2. Petition supporting Packard's removal as rector. Good Shepherd petitioners; iPetitions · 2011; exact posting date not established. A competing parish position supporting the bishop's action.

3. St. John's, Arlington, service bulletin. St. John's Episcopal Church, Arlington · 2022-05-29. Lists Packard as available for pastoral care during the parish's interim period.

4. Journal of Virginia's 230th Annual Convention. Episcopal Diocese of Virginia · 2024 convention; file dated 2025-10-22. Clergy list, printed page 18, identifies Laurence K. (Larry) Packard as retired.

VIRGINIA / AW-104

John Yates II: alleged exclusion of LGBTQ people from church grounds

Subject: John Yates II · **Role:** Rector

Setting: The Falls Church, later The Falls Church Anglican. **Diocese:** Virginia during the Episcopal period

Category: Alleged anti-LGBTQ exclusion; no-trespassing warnings

Conduct / complaint period: Episcopal-period conduct, according to editorial information supplied for this edition; exact dates not specified in published accounts

Source basis: Published *Anglican Watch* allegations, supplemented by editorial information about denominational timing.

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Publicly reported allegation; no adjudication or later institutional disposition located.

Status date: 2026-11-15

What was reported

Anglican Watch reported that John Yates sent openly LGBT members warning letters threatening arrest for trespassing if they entered church grounds. Its 2024 coverage repeated the allegation that people identifying as LGBTQ were barred from the campus. Editorial information supplied for this edition places the alleged conduct during the church's Episcopal affiliation.

Response

No direct response from Yates to the reported exclusion letters was located.

Public-record limits

No dated exclusion letter or final institutional decision was located. The cited accounts establish a public allegation, not that the alleged conduct occurred.

Disclosure. Editorial information supplied for this edition places the alleged exclusion during the parish's Episcopal affiliation. The cited public reports do not date the alleged letters.

Related records: AW-087.

Sources

1. Well-placed sources suggest former Truro priest engaged in homosexual activity. *Anglican Watch* · 2020-11-26. The relevant passage reports Yates's alleged warning letters; unrelated allegations elsewhere in the article are not adopted.

2. Falls Church Anglican releases addendum to sexual abuse investigatory report; result is underwhelming. *Anglican Watch* · 2024-09-03. Repeats the allegation that Yates barred LGBTQ people from the church campus.

3. Independent investigation report, institutional background. Edward Lee Isler; The Falls Church Anglican · 2024-04-18. Identifies Yates's 1979–2019 rectorship and the congregation's December 2006 departure from Episcopal affiliation.

4. Editorial clarification of historical affiliation [editorial account; not publicly linked]. *Anglican Watch* editorial information supplied for this edition · 2026-11-15. Places the alleged exclusion during Episcopal affiliation; not independently corroborated by a dated exclusion letter.

VIRGINIA / AW-097

Stephen McWhorter: reported harassment complaints

Subject: Stephen McWhorter · **Role:** Priest

Setting: Episcopal parish employment; specific complainants and most incident details withheld. **Diocese:** Virginia; Alabama; reported Georgia complaint

Category: Reported sexual harassment; complaint handling

Conduct / complaint period: Not publicly specified

Source basis: *Anglican Watch* reporting and identified editorial follow-up comments

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	No final disciplinary outcome located.

Status date: 2026-05-26

What was reported

Anglican Watch reported sexual harassment allegations from several people, including a female church worker and a man reporting unwanted advances in Pittsburgh. The publisher withheld most incident details. It reported Title IV complaints and alleged inadequate episcopal response. The published material establishes that allegations were reported; it does not establish a disciplinary finding.

Response

AW said McWhorter did not answer its request for comment; supporters disputed the article's characterization. AW separately alleged that Bishop Shannon Johnston declined to discuss the complaints with affected people on confidentiality grounds and failed to provide pastoral engagement. No separate Johnston response was located.

Public-record limits

Filing, restrictions and final status lack independent official confirmation. Missing outcomes should not be described as continuing proceedings.

Disclosure. In a June 22, 2022 comment on the cited report, the *Anglican Watch* editor said he personally knew the adult female complainant. That relationship is material context for the coverage.

Sources

1. McWhorter harassment report and editorial updates. *Anglican Watch* · 2022-01-10; editorial follow-up 2026-05-26. Allegations, reported filings, response requests and supportive comments.

2. AW review of episcopal complaint handling. *Anglican Watch* · 2025-01-03. Repeats the publisher's Johnston and McWhorter handling allegations.

VIRGINIA / AW-113

Kirk Steffensen: alleged employment and clearance threats

Subject: Kirk Steffensen · **Role:** Lay individual; spouse of then-assistant rector Leslie Steffensen. No parish office is established by the cited reports.

Setting: Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria dispute. **Diocese:** Virginia

Category: Alleged intimidation and retaliation by a lay individual

Conduct / complaint period: Following the reported 2015 background-check dispute; exact email date unverified

Source basis: AW reporting, its published image of a purported email, its report of Steffensen's denial, and editor-provided clarification that any effect on Kirk's own clearance is unknown

Lay subject; Title IV clergy discipline does not apply.

Latest known outcome	Disputed allegation in public reporting. No adjudication or church disposition concerning Kirk was located. Any effect on his own security clearance is unknown, according to editorial information supplied for this edition.

Status date: 2026-11-15

What was reported

AW alleges that Kirk Steffensen threatened the employment and security clearance of Eric Bonetti's husband during the Grace Episcopal Church dispute involving rector Bob Malm and assistant rector Leslie Steffensen. Its reports reproduce an image described as Kirk's email. AW later reported that Kirk denied threatening the job and said Bonetti would hear from his attorney. This entry records disputed reported conduct by a lay individual, not a finding of a criminal threat.

Response

In a January 1, 2023 comment, AW reported receiving an email in which Kirk denied threatening Bonetti's husband's job and said his attorney would contact Bonetti. That reported denial is not reproduced in full.

Public-record limits

The alleged threats concern Bonetti's husband's employment and clearance. The sources do not establish employer participation, a lost job, a change to that clearance or a criminal offense. Leslie's written apology is a separate reported outcome.

Disclosure. AW editor Eric Bonetti is the spouse of the person allegedly targeted and a complainant in the related Grace Church dispute. AW's reporting and account of Kirk's response therefore come from a participant directly affected by the dispute.

Related records: AW-112, AW-044.

Sources

1. Report of alleged employment and clearance threats. *Anglican Watch* · 2022-03-26; page updated 2026-11-12. Attributes threats against Bonetti's husband's job and security clearance to Kirk; discloses Bonetti's involvement.

2. Follow-up allegation and reported denial. *Anglican Watch* · 2022-12-31; AW response comment 2023-01-01. Repeats the allegation. AW's January 1 comment reports Kirk's denial of threatening the job and his reference to an attorney.

3. Published image identified as Kirk's email. *Anglican Watch* · Published with the 2022 reports; email date unverified. Image linked by AW; full wording could not be independently read at the accessible resolution.

4. Editorial clarification on Kirk's security clearance [editorial account; not publicly linked]. *Anglican Watch* editorial information · 2026-11-15. States that any effect on Kirk's own security clearance is unknown.

VIRGINIA / AW-112

Leslie Steffensen: alleged fabrication and written apology

Subject: Leslie Nuñez Steffensen · **Role:** Assistant rector at the time of the alleged conduct; parish history lists her service in 2012–2017

Setting: Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria. **Diocese:** Virginia

Category: Alleged misrepresentation and retaliation; reported Title IV resolution

Conduct / complaint period: 2015

Source basis: AW public reporting; editor-provided outcome information; official parish history confirming her tenure

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Required written apology delivered, according to *Anglican Watch*'s editorial account. The date and exact canonical mechanism were not supplied.

Status date: Outcome date not supplied; editorial update 2026-11-15

What was reported

Anglican Watch alleges that, in 2015, Steffensen supplied a fabricated account of suspicious activities in response to an employment background check on parishioner Eric Bonetti. The publication characterizes this as retaliation for his disciplinary complaint seeking mediation with rector Bob Malm. A 2026 retrospective describes a successful Title IV complaint concerning Steffensen's integrity.

Response

Anglican Watch reports that Steffensen provided the required written apology. Its text was not supplied for this edition; no separate public response from Steffensen was located.

Public-record limits

No official disposition or apology text was reviewed. This entry uses the editorial clarification that an apology was delivered, correcting the older article's statement that none had been offered. The apology is not treated as an adjudicated finding or an admission beyond its unavailable wording.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* editor Eric Bonetti is the affected parishioner and original complainant. The written-apology information comes from the publication's editorial account supplied for this edition.

Related records: AW-044, AW-113.

Sources

1. Steffensen background-check allegation. *Anglican Watch* · 2022-03-26; page updated 2026-11-12. Reports the allegation and editor involvement. Its no-apology statement is corrected by the editor's update for this edition.

2. AW retrospective on the Steffensen complaint. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-03-21; page updated 2026-11-12. Its Grace Church history describes a successful Title IV complaint about Steffensen's integrity; no disposition is reproduced.

3. Grace Notes: parish clergy history. Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria · 2024-09. Page 15 lists Steffensen's service at Grace in 2012–2017; it does not address misconduct.

4. Editorial update on the written apology [editorial account; not publicly linked]. *Anglican Watch* editorial information · 2026-11-15. Reports that Steffensen was required to apologize in writing and provided the apology.

VIRGINIA / AW-044

Bob Malm: Bonetti complaints of nonsexual abuse and dishonesty

Subject: Robert H. (Bob) Malm · **Role:** Rector at the time of the original complaints

Setting: Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria. **Diocese:** Virginia; Massachusetts involved in later complaints

Category: Bullying / spiritual abuse / alleged perjury / retaliation

Conduct / complaint period: Complaints beginning in 2015

Source basis: Complainant account; SNAP statement; editorial status update

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	The editorial update reports that the Malm matters involving Eric Bonetti have been resolved; details are not publicly available.

Status date: Status supplied 2026-11-15; resolution date undisclosed

What was reported

Eric Bonetti alleged bullying, retaliation, false police reports, misleading court submissions, perjury and other nonsexual abuse by Malm. SNAP publicly called for investigation and criticized the dioceses' handling of the complaints. Bonetti also alleges that Shannon Johnston knew of disputed use of his family's memorial donations but declined to intervene, and that Susan Goff required criminal charges before acting on alleged perjury. He reports a Title IV case against Johnston. These are participant allegations; a separate filing against Goff is not established.

Response

The public dispute included Malm's allegations that Bonetti's conduct was threatening. The index does not adopt either side's allegations as findings.

Public-record limits

The forum, scope and terms of the resolution are not publicly disclosed. No admission, disciplinary sanction or merits finding is inferred. Separate complaints by others are not treated as resolved by this update. The reported Malm resolution does not establish a disposition of the separate complaint Bonetti describes against Johnston.

Disclosure. Eric Bonetti is the editor of *Anglican Watch* and the complainant/litigant in the matters described here. The publication supplied the resolution update. This is a direct editorial conflict.

Related records: AW-050, AW-045, AW-054, AW-112, AW-113.

Sources

1. SNAP statement on the Malm complaints. Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests · 2022-06-29. Sets out Bonetti's allegations and criticism of the church's response; it is an advocacy statement, not an adjudication.

2. Editorial status update [editorial account; not publicly linked]. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-11-15. Editorial update supplied for this edition; the resolution's terms and forum are not publicly disclosed.

3. Complainant's account. Grace Alexandria Watch · Undated. Describes the origin of the complaints and contested responses from the complainant's perspective.

VIRGINIA / AW-045

Bob Malm: Fanny Belanger's separate complaint

Subject: Bob Malm; reported diocesan and vestry handling · **Role:** Rector; diocese and vestry as reported complaint recipients

Setting: Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria. **Diocese:** Virginia

Category: Alleged bullying / spiritual abuse / failure to respond

Conduct / complaint period: Complaint date not publicly established in the cited sources

Source basis: *Anglican Watch* reporting and editor confirmation

Included in the companion for reported diocesan complaint handling; a formal Title IV proceeding is not established.

Latest known outcome Complaint reportedly ignored; no disposition identified.

Status date: Editorial confirmation 2026-11-15

What was reported

Anglican Watch reported that former assistant rector Fanny Belanger complained to the Diocese of Virginia and Grace's vestry about Malm's conduct, and that both ignored her. Related reporting describes alleged emotionally abusive treatment of associate clergy.

Response

A substantive diocesan or vestry response to this specific complaint was not located.

Public-record limits

The complaint's full text, filing date and processing under Title IV have not been established. This is separate from the resolved Bonetti matter.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* editor Eric Bonetti is a former member of Grace. Belanger, not Bonetti, is the reported complainant in this entry.

Related records: AW-050, AW-044, AW-054.

Sources

1. Published account of Belanger's complaint. *Anglican Watch* · Reposted 2024-02-24 from October 2023. Reports that the diocese and vestry ignored Belanger's complaint.

2. Complainant-community account. Grace Alexandria Watch · Undated. Reports Belanger's departure and alleged emotional abuse.

3. Editorial confirmation [editorial account; not publicly linked]. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-11-15. Editor confirms awareness of the separate Belanger complaint and reported diocesan nonresponse.

VIRGINIA / AW-087

Jeffrey Turner Taylor: allegations from Episcopal parish employment and later investigation

Subject: Jeffrey Turner Taylor · **Role:** Lay director of youth ministries, then director of adult discipleship

Setting: The Falls Church Episcopal during 1990–2002; later investigation commissioned by The Falls Church Anglican. **Diocese:** Virginia during the relevant employment

Category: Child sexual abuse allegations; sexual grooming; boundary violations

Conduct / complaint period: 1990–2002

Source basis: Church-commissioned independent investigation and addendum; Justice Department charging announcement; arraignment reporting.

Lay subject during the relevant period; not a Title IV clergy respondent.

Latest known outcome	Investigation report and addendum published; federal charges contested. No later criminal disposition located in the review through November 15, 2026.

Status date: 2026-09-24

What was reported

Taylor served as a lay youth director and then adult-discipleship director at The Falls Church while it was Episcopal. A 2024 investigation commissioned by The Falls Church Anglican concluded that his conduct during that employment included sexual grooming and abuse, recording multiple former participants' allegations. A subsequent addendum preserved the core findings while correcting some details. Federal authorities separately indicted him in September 2026. Those criminal charges are allegations, not convictions.

Response

Taylor pleaded not guilty and asserted his innocence in September 2026. The investigator concluded that leaders did not know of abuse during his employment, but that the response after a 2007 disclosure and in later years required fuller investigation. The Anglican congregation published the report and addendum.

Public-record limits

This entry covers alleged conduct during Episcopal employment. Taylor's later Anglican ordination and Georgia employment are distinct. The 2024 report did not include an interview with Taylor; the investigator chose not to contact him because of possible law-enforcement activity. Findings are the investigator's conclusions, not a Title IV decision or criminal verdict.

Related records: AW-104.

Companion criminal catalog VA-20. Criminal and church outcomes are separate.

Sources

1. Report on the Independent Investigation of Allegations of Sexual Abuse by a Staff Member of The Falls Church. Edward Lee Isler, Isler Dare, P.C.; The Falls Church Anglican · 2024-04-18. Primary investigation: Episcopal employment, allegations, findings and interview limitations.

2. Addendum to the Report on the Independent Investigation. Edward Lee Isler, Isler Dare, P.C.; The Falls Church Anglican · 2024-08-29. Corrects the original report: no separation, nondisclosure or mutual nondisparagement agreement existed between Church of the Apostles and Taylor (printed pages 9–10). Also clarifies institutional responses.

3. Special Investigation Report and updates. The Falls Church Anglican · Updated through 2026-09-15. Official release dates and precise youth/adult ministry roles.

4. Former Falls Church youth minister indicted for sexual abuse of children. U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia · 2026-09-15. Official charging announcement; allegations remain unadjudicated.

5. Milford man pleads not guilty to abusing boys when he was minister. Dan Horn, Cincinnati Enquirer; syndicated by AOL · 2026-09-25. Reports the September 24 not-guilty plea.

6. September 24 arraignment report. The Washington Post · 2026-09-24. Defendant response.

VIRGINIA / AW-046

B. Cayce Ramey: Eucharistic fast and reversed disciplinary order

Subject: B. Cayce Ramey · **Role:** Priest and former rector

Setting: All Saints Episcopal Church–Sharon Chapel, Alexandria. **Diocese:** Diocese of Virginia

Category: Ordination vows; worship and canonical compliance

Conduct / complaint period: 2022–2024

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Hearing-panel order reversed on appeal.

Status date: 2025-07-02

What was reported

The Diocese of Virginia pursued a Title IV case after Ramey stopped presiding at the Eucharist as part of an antiracism protest. Its hearing panel found violations of ordination vows and church canons and recommended deposition in May 2024. Ramey appealed. On July 2, 2025, the Court of Review reversed the panel's order. This proceeding must be distinguished from the later case concerning cooperation with investigators and compliance with administrative leave.

Response

Ramey contested the findings and appealed successfully. The diocese publicly disagreed with the appellate court's interpretation.

Public-record limits

This is the Eucharistic-fast proceeding, not the separate 2024–2026 noncooperation case. Inclusion records a contested canonical proceeding and does not classify the underlying protest as abuse.

Related records: AW-049.

Sources

1. Clergy conduct and ministry for racial justice. Diocese of Virginia · 2024-05-28. Explains the original allegations, hearing-panel decision, and appeal.

2. Notice of Court of Review decision. Diocese of Virginia · 2025-07-02. Confirms reversal of the hearing-panel order.

3. Response to Court of Review opinion. Diocese of Virginia · 2025-07-04. States the diocese's disagreement with the appellate interpretation.

VIRGINIA / AW-047

Robert K. Marshall: disputed misconduct finding and civil litigation

Subject: Robert K. Marshall · **Role:** Former rector

Setting: Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Midlothian. **Diocese:** Diocese of Southern Virginia

Category: Alleged harassment and boundary violations; church finding disputed

Conduct / complaint period: 2021–2022

Source basis: Public official records and/or attributed media reporting

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Deposition documented; latest published civil ruling located is the July 16, 2024 appellate opinion.

Status date: 2024-07-16

What was reported

A church employee complained about comments and interactions she regarded as inappropriate advances. Marshall disputed the alleged sexual meaning and challenged the church's handling. A published Virginia appellate opinion records a Title IV conference-panel finding of sexual misconduct and conduct unbecoming clergy, followed by deposition. The subsequent civil litigation concerned, among other claims, the bishop's description of the matter. The appellate court's ruling addressed religious autonomy rather than deciding whether the alleged misconduct occurred.

Response

Marshall denied sexual intent, disputed parts of the account and challenged the disciplinary process in civil litigation.

Public-record limits

The court did not adjudicate the truth of the underlying allegation. This entry does not certify the status of every claim or any later appeal.

Sources

1. Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia v. Marshall. Court of Appeals of Virginia · 2024-07-16. Published opinion documents the church proceedings, contested allegations and limited civil holding.

VIRGINIA / AW-048

Anne Turner: reported adultery, suspension and return

Subject: Anne Turner · **Role:** Rector

Setting: Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria. **Diocese:** Virginia

Category: Adult sexual conduct / alleged dishonesty

Conduct / complaint period: Earlier-career relationship; suspension before October 2024

Source basis: *Anglican Watch* reports; parish annual report

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Returned to Grace on October 28, 2024; later parish reporting confirms the return.

Status date: 2025-01 annual report

What was reported

Anglican Watch reported that Turner was suspended for one year over an adulterous affair and disputed aspects of her description of the relationship. The reported conduct is classified separately from sexual assault or abuse of a minor.

Response

Reporting records Turner's position that the affair had ended. Her parish report described work toward healing after her return.

Public-record limits

The complete disciplinary instrument was not retrieved. This entry does not treat later criticism of her explanation as a separate proven offense.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* editor Eric Bonetti is a former member of Grace.

Sources

1. Reporting on the suspension and return. *Anglican Watch* · 2024-10-12. Reports the suspension, invitation to return, and disputed explanation.

2. Parish annual report. Grace Episcopal Church · 2025-01. Contains Turner's account of returning to the parish.

3. Later account of return date. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-10. Identifies the October 28, 2024 return and links underlying parish/diocesan records.

VIRGINIA / AW-049

B. Cayce Ramey: noncooperation and administrative-leave proceeding

Subject: B. Cayce Ramey · **Role:** Priest

Setting: Diocesan disciplinary proceeding. **Diocese:** Diocese of Virginia; Diocese of Delaware also named in order

Category: Cooperation with discipline; administrative leave; pastoral directions

Conduct / complaint period: 2024–2026

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Hearing-panel findings and deposition recommendation; subsequent sentence notice publicly posted.

Status date: 2026-07-29

What was reported

A separate Virginia proceeding accused Ramey of refusing to cooperate with a Title IV investigation and failing to comply with administrative leave and pastoral directions. Following a June 24, 2026 hearing held without him, the panel found canonical violations and recommended deposition on July 8. The official docket subsequently published a July 29 notice of sentence. These findings arose from a different proceeding than the Eucharistic-fast order reversed in 2025.

Response

The public docket includes Ramey's December 2024 response and January 2025 request to stay proceedings. The July 2026 order says he ceased participating after July 18, 2025.

Public-record limits

The operative terms of the image-only July 29 sentence notice were not independently verified; the deposition recommendation is not presented as the final sentence. This is separate from the reversed Eucharistic-fast proceeding.

Related records: AW-046.

Sources

1. Title IV hearing-panel proceedings: Ramey. Diocese of Virginia · 2026-07-29. Dated docket with statements, responses, orders, and sentence notice.

2. Hearing-panel order. Diocese of Virginia Hearing Panel · 2026-07-08. Findings concerning cooperation, leave, and pastoral directions; recommends deposition.

3. Notice of sentence and imposition of clergy discipline. Diocese of Virginia · 2026-07-29. Official sentence notice; linked without inferring unverified operative terms.

VIRGINIA / AW-050

Jeffery Chiow: alleged litigation misrepresentations

Subject: Jeffery Chiow · **Role:** Parish attorney and former vestry member

Setting: Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria. **Diocese:** Virginia

Category: Alleged false police report / false statements to civil court

Conduct / complaint period: During the Malm-Bonetti dispute

Source basis: *Anglican Watch* reporting and an editorial clarification supplied for this edition

Lay subject during the relevant period; not a Title IV clergy respondent.

Latest known outcome	Chiow has not faced formal attorney-disciplinary or criminal charges over these allegations, according to the editorial update.

Status date: Editorial update 2026-11-15

What was reported

Chiow is accused of making a false police report and making false statements of law and fact to the civil court while representing the opposing side in litigation involving Eric Bonetti. The editorial account states that Chiow did not correct the purported fabrications when challenged.

Response

No separate substantive rebuttal to these particular allegations was located in the reviewed sources. The reported failure to correct them is an allegation attributed to Bonetti.

Public-record limits

No attorney-disciplinary or criminal finding is asserted. The related Malm matters involving Bonetti are resolved, with details unavailable; this does not establish admissions, findings or a separate resolution as to Chiow.

Disclosure. Eric Bonetti is the editor of *Anglican Watch* and a party in the related litigation. Jeffery Chiow represented the opposing side. Bonetti is a source of allegations reported by the publication. The related Malm matter has been resolved, but its terms and application to particular participants are not publicly available.

Related records: AW-045, AW-044, AW-054.

Sources

1. Reporting on lay-leadership conduct. *Anglican Watch* · 2025-12-17. Includes the publication's allegations concerning Chiow's litigation conduct.

2. Earlier account identifying vestry connection. *Anglican Watch* · 2024-10-12. Identifies Chiow as a former vestry member and discusses litigation allegations.

3. Editorial clarification of allegations and status [editorial account; not publicly linked]. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-11-15. Specifies the alleged false police report, false civil-court statements, reported failure to correct them, and absence of formal attorney-disciplinary or criminal charges.

VIRGINIA / AW-051

Santiago Rodriguez: reported nonsexual boundary violation

Subject: Santiago Rodriguez · **Role:** Associate rector at the time

Setting: Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria. **Diocese:** Virginia

Category: Nonsexual pastoral boundaries

Conduct / complaint period: Several months before December 2025

Source basis: *Anglican Watch* account of a parish disclosure

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Three-month suspension reported December 17, 2025; later ministry status not established.

Status date: 2025-12-17

What was reported

Anglican Watch reported a three-month Title IV suspension after allegations of an inappropriate but nonsexual relationship with a parishioner.

Response

No separate substantive response from Rodriguez was located.

Public-record limits

The report does not allege sexual conduct or misconduct involving a minor. An old suspension notice is not evidence that restrictions continue today.

Disclosure. Eric Bonetti is *Anglican Watch*'s editor and a former Grace member. The cited article states he did not participate in its preparation.

Sources

1. Report of the parish disclosure. *Anglican Watch* · 2025-12-17. Reports the suspension and identifies the relationship as nonsexual.

VIRGINIA / AW-052

Jonathan Adams: grooming and boundary allegations

Subject: Jonathan Adams · **Role:** Rector at the time

Setting: Trinity Episcopal Church, Upperville. **Diocese:** Virginia

Category: Sexual misconduct concerns / alleged grooming

Conduct / complaint period: Reported to the diocese in September 2025

Source basis: Official church account; published police-report extracts; respondent's statement

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Title IV concluded by accord in November 2025; return to work authorized. Resignation was announced effective October 12, 2026.

Status date: July 2026 announcement; October 12, 2026 stated effective date

What was reported

Anglican Watch reported allegations of grooming involving boys and published police-report extracts describing conduct that concerned the investigating detective. The diocese said its inquiry found conduct inappropriate for clergy. Police found no substantiated criminal offense, according to the published account. *Anglican Watch* also alleged that Adams disclosed complainants' identities during the disciplinary process and that parish members subsequently shunned and retaliated against them.

Response

In a July 12, 2026 parish address, Adams said he had done nothing inappropriate or harmful to young people. That characterization differs from the diocese's description of its findings.

Public-record limits

The full accord and its specific directions are not public in the cited record. The police outcome is not a church finding that all reported conduct was appropriate. The alleged confidentiality breaches and resulting shunning are attributed reporting, not additional findings established by the published notice of accord.

Related records: AW-053, AW-128.

Companion criminal catalog VA-22. Criminal and church outcomes are separate.

Sources

1. Diocesan account and notice of accord. Diocese of Virginia · 2026-07-17. Describes the investigations, accord, return to work and announced resignation.

2. Published police-report extracts. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-07. Reports the detective's grooming concern and the absence of substantiated criminal offenses.

3. Adams's parish address. Trinity Episcopal Church, reproduced by Anglican Ink · 2026-07-12. Records Adams's own explanation of the investigations.

4. *Anglican Watch* inquiry concerning Adams, confidentiality and complainant treatment. *Anglican Watch* · 2026. Alleges disclosure of complainant identities followed by shunning and retaliation; the canonical conclusions are the publication's assertions.

VIRGINIA / AW-053

Trinity Upperville: alleged retaliation during a parish investigation

Subject: Scott Andrews, Shannon Davis and related Trinity Upperville governance · **Role:** Senior and junior wardens; parish investigation and governance; some vestry members appear as complainants

Setting: Trinity Episcopal Church, Upperville. **Diocese:** Virginia

Category: Lay leadership / alleged retaliation and intimidation

Conduct / complaint period: 2026

Source basis: *Anglican Watch* reporting of vestry and employee accounts

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Allegations publicly reported; no adjudicated finding or institutional corrective action established.

Status date: 2026-11-13

What was reported

Anglican Watch reported that senior warden Scott Andrews retained investigators who pressed vestry members to identify people who cooperated with police and the diocese. Sources also alleged computer searches and an employee's dismissal for cooperation. The publication questioned the inquiry's independence and parish oversight. Earlier coverage alleged that Andrews and junior warden Shannon Davis sought to suppress discussion. Their July letter about security and internal communications was characterized by *Anglican Watch* as intimidating.

Response

In a July 22, 2026 letter, wardens Scott Andrews and Shannon Davis said escalating online commentary created safety concerns, described security arrangements made in consultation with the sheriff's office, and asked parishioners not to circulate inflammatory material or internal communications. This explains the letter's stated purpose; a substantive response to the later employee-dismissal and investigation allegations was not located.

Public-record limits

These are attributed allegations, including accounts from unnamed sources. Some vestry members are reporting concerns; this entry does not accuse every vestry member or establish obstruction of justice.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* publicly opposed the wardens' approach and encouraged protest. Its reporting and commentary reflect that advocacy.

Related records: AW-052, AW-128.

Sources

1. Reporting on the parish investigation. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-10-31; updated 2026-11-13. Presents source accounts of alleged retaliation and questions about the investigation.

2. Wardens' letter to the Trinity parish family. Scott Andrews and Shannon Davis, Trinity Episcopal Church; hosted by *Anglican Watch* · 2026-07-22. Primary letter gives the wardens' safety rationale, security arrangements and request concerning circulated material.

3. Reporting on the Trinity Upperville wardens and alleged suppression of discussion. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-09-20. Names both wardens and attributes allegations of efforts to identify leakers and dismiss employees to inside sources.

VIRGINIA / AW-128

Mark Stevenson: Adams complainants' pastoral-response allegations

Subject: E. Mark Stevenson · **Role:** Bishop diocesan

Setting: Diocese of Virginia; Trinity Episcopal Church, Upperville. **Diocese:** Virginia

Category: Alleged failure to provide a pastoral response and care

Conduct / complaint period: Adams complaint received in September 2025; handling criticized in 2026

Source basis: Complainants' accounts published by *Anglican Watch*; diocesan account

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Public process-handling allegation; no separate disciplinary finding against Stevenson or case-specific response to this account located.

Status date: 2026-11-05

What was reported

Complainants in the Jonathan Adams matter told *Anglican Watch* that the diocese offered them neither a pastoral response nor pastoral care. AW directed that criticism at Stevenson, questioning whether their needs had been assessed and addressed. The diocese's public account describes support for parish leadership and gives a contact for people seeking pastoral support. Those statements do not establish what was offered to the complainants individually; their account also does not establish whether an assessment occurred privately.

Response

The diocese described Stevenson's communications with wardens and pastoral support for the associate rector, and published a support contact.

Public-record limits

The underlying accord does not resolve the later handling allegation. No personal sexual misconduct by Stevenson is alleged here.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* reports direct contact with the complainants and expressly supports their account.

Related records: AW-052, AW-053.

Sources

1. Adams complainants say the diocese offered no pastoral response or care. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-11-05; updated 2026-11-10. Reports complainants' account and distinguishes it from questions about a private assessment.

2. In the Matter of the Rev. Jonathan Adams and Trinity Church Upperville. Diocese of Virginia · 2026-07-17. Official account of the accord, parish support and available pastoral contact.

VIRGINIA / AW-054

Bob Malm: additional financial-safeguarding complaints

Subject: Bob Malm · **Role:** Rector at the time alleged

Setting: Grace Episcopal Church, Alexandria. **Diocese:** Virginia

Category: Alleged financial misuse / failure to safeguard funds

Conduct / complaint period: Dates and number of complaints not supplied

Source basis: Editorial allegation account supplied for this edition; related published background

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	No action reported.

Status date: 2026-11-15

What was reported

Anglican Watch reports awareness of additional complaints about Malm involving potential misuse of parish funds or failure to safeguard them. The editorial account states that no action was taken.

Response

No separate respondent or diocesan response to these additional complaints was supplied or located.

Public-record limits

Amounts, transactions, complainants and dates are not established here. The entry does not allege a proved theft or assume that these complaints share the Bonetti matter's resolution.

Disclosure. *Anglican Watch* editor Eric Bonetti is a former Grace parishioner and complainant/litigant in separate Malm matters. This account was supplied editorially; the complainants for these additional financial concerns are not specified.

Related records: AW-050, AW-045, AW-044.

Sources

1. Editorial account of financial complaints [editorial account; not publicly linked]. *Anglican Watch* · 2026-11-15. Reports potential misuse/failure to safeguard parish funds and states that no action was taken.

2. Earlier financial-management concerns. Grace Alexandria Watch · Undated. Provides background on reported cash-management and financial-reporting concerns; not proof of the unspecified additional complaints.

WISCONSIN / AW-055

Martha Ann Englert: abusive-remarks finding; disclosure count rejected

Subject: Martha Ann Englert · **Role:** Rector

Setting: Grace Episcopal Church, Madison. **Diocese:** Diocese of Milwaukee

Category: Verbal abuse and bullying; alleged misuse of pastoral information

Conduct / complaint period: 2005

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Historical trial judgment: remarks finding and suspension; disclosure count rejected. Later review and current standing not established.

Status date: 2007-09

What was reported

Englert faced a historical Title IV presentment alleging inappropriate remarks and disclosures about parishioners and staff. The trial court found a pattern of abusive, hurtful remarks but rejected the separate improper-disclosure count. Its 2007 judgment imposed a ten-year suspension, potentially reducible to five years under stated conditions. A dissenting judge rejected the misconduct finding. This entry preserves the mixed findings and does not describe the historical suspension as a current restriction.

Response

Englert contested the charges and argued that her speech did not constitute a canonical offense. The trial court's dissent found the misconduct allegations unproved.

Public-record limits

Pre-July 2011 Title IV framework. The reviewed record does not establish later appellate disposition or current clerical standing. Allegations about disclosures are not listed as sustained findings.

Sources

1. Standing Committee presentment. Diocese of Milwaukee; Archives of the Episcopal Church · 2006-04-29. Primary allegations regarding remarks and disclosures.

2. Judgment on count two. Diocese of Milwaukee Ecclesiastical Trial Court · 2007-03-24. Records finding on the inappropriate-remarks count.

3. Final judgment and sentence, with concurrence and dissent. Diocese of Milwaukee Ecclesiastical Trial Court · 2007-09. Records suspension, rejected disclosure count, respondent's position, and dissent.

WISCONSIN / AW-106

Nashotah House: admission withdrawn from a married gay applicant

Subject: Nashotah House; Garwood Anderson and Edward Monk in institutional roles · **Role:** Seminary administration and governing board; Anderson was dean and Monk board chair

Setting: Nashotah House Theological Seminary. **Diocese:** Independent Episcopal-associated seminary; not a diocesan admissions decision

Category: Sexual-orientation and marital-status discrimination complaint; admissions exclusion

Conduct / complaint period: 2021

Source basis: Named complainant reporting, the seminary's exemption request and the federal response.

A Title IV proceeding is not established for this record.

Latest known outcome	Federal complaint dismissed in December 2021; no subsequent reversal located.

Status date: 2021-12

What was reported

Geoff Clark-Tosca complained after Nashotah House withdrew his acceptance because he was married to a man. Episcopal News Service reported the seminary's written explanation: the marriage conflicted with its beliefs and matriculation requirements. The federal Office for Civil Rights dismissed his complaint in December 2021 after accepting the seminary's religious exemption. He pursued theological study elsewhere. This was an admissions exclusion and contested institutional policy, not an allegation about sexual misconduct by the applicant.

Response

The seminary defended its religious requirements and claimed a statutory exemption; in 2023 it declined applicant-specific comment while reaffirming its beliefs.

Public-record limits

The civil dismissal is preserved. No Title IV proceeding was identified. Governance included Episcopal and ACNA participants; responsibility is not imputed to every board member.

Disclosure. ENS disclosed that reporter David Paulsen knew some seminary faculty and staff socially and had not discussed the article with those acquaintances before publication.

Sources

1. Document reveals Nashotah House rescinded seminarian's acceptance because he was gay, married. Episcopal News Service; David Paulsen · 2023-06-30. Complainant's account, institutional response, federal dismissal and reporter's conflict disclosure.

2. Nashotah House religious exemption request. Nashotah House; U.S. Department of Education repository · 2021-10-08. Dean and board chair explain institutional governance, religious requirements and exemption defense.

3. Office for Civil Rights religious exemption response to Nashotah House. U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights · 2021-11-12. Federal acknowledgment of the requested religious exemption; not itself the subsequent dismissal notice.

WYOMING / AW-056

Paul-Gordon Chandler: deposition following a misconduct allegation

Subject: Paul-Gordon Chandler · **Role:** Bishop of Wyoming at the time

Setting: Episcopal Church in Wyoming. **Diocese:** Wyoming

Category: Misconduct not publicly specified

Conduct / complaint period: Not specified in the reviewed public accounts

Source basis: Public allegation or disciplinary record, with attributed responses and outcomes

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Resolved by accord; voluntarily accepted sentence of deposition.

Status date: 2024-03-27

What was reported

Chandler was restricted and then placed on leave after an allegation publicly described only as an indiscretion involving a diocesan team member. An approved March 2024 accord ended the Title IV proceeding through his voluntary acceptance of deposition. Chandler expressly said his departure was not an admission of the specific allegations. The available public statements do not supply enough detail to classify the conduct as sexual misconduct or to describe what allegedly occurred.

Response

Expressly denied that accepting deposition admitted the allegations.

Public-record limits

Allegations remain nonspecific in the reviewed public disclosures; no sexual classification is inferred.

Sources

1. Title IV update on bishop of Wyoming. The Episcopal Church · 2024-03-27. Official announcement of an approved accord and sentence of deposition.

2. Chandler deposed following Title IV investigation. Episcopal News Service · 2024-03-27. Reports the limited public description of the allegation and Chandler's express denial of admitting it.

CHURCHWIDE / AW-122

Ellen Cooke: national church embezzlement, asset recovery and controls

Subject: Ellen F. Cooke · **Role:** Lay national treasurer

Setting: Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society / Episcopal Church national administration. **Diocese:** National church administration; federal prosecution in New Jersey

Category: Embezzlement; abuse of financial trust; institutional controls

Conduct / complaint period: Approximately 1990–1994; discovered in February 1995

Source basis: Contemporary Episcopal News Service reporting, church financial recovery report and later custody update

Lay or institutional record; no Title IV clergy proceeding established.

Latest known outcome	Guilty plea and sentence; civil recovery substantially completed. January 2001 reporting described home confinement before anticipated release.

Status date: 2001-01-01

What was reported

Cooke admitted diverting more than $1.5 million from church accounts and pleaded guilty to transporting stolen money across state lines and tax evasion. The church's audit put the loss at approximately $2.2 million. A five-year prison sentence followed. The church separately settled civil claims, recovered most of the diverted funds through assets, insurance and other settlements, and changed its financial administration. The record illustrates misconduct by a powerful lay officer and the institution's response.

Response

Cooke accepted responsibility in her plea while claiming impaired recollection; her lawyer sought a lower sentence. A later report says her sentencing appeal failed.

Public-record limits

The audit estimate exceeds the amount admitted at the plea. Recovery before costs is not the net financial loss. The original appellate judgment and actual final release date were not retrieved.

Companion criminal catalog NJ-03. Criminal and church outcomes are separate.

Sources

1. Former Episcopal Church Treasurer Ellen Cooke Pleads Guilty to Charges in Embezzlement Case. Episcopal News Service · 1996-02-08. Plea, admitted transfers, audit estimate and national church response.

2. Episcopal Church Treasurer Sentenced to Five Years for Embezzlement. Episcopal News Service · 1996-07-25. July 10 sentence, mitigation arguments and civil settlement.

3. Episcopal Church Recovers all but $100,000 from Ellen Cooke Embezzlement. Episcopal News Service · 1996-12-05. Recovery amounts, associated costs and financial-office changes.

4. Former ECUSA treasurer released from custody. Anglican Journal · 2001-01-01. Reports unsuccessful appeal and home confinement; actual final release date is not established by the article.

CHURCHWIDE / AW-057

Michael Curry and Todd Ousley: response to Singh family complaints

Subject: Michael Curry and Todd Ousley · **Role:** Presiding bishop and bishop responsible for pastoral development at the relevant time

Setting: Office of the Presiding Bishop; Office of Pastoral Development. **Diocese:** Churchwide leadership

Category: Failure to respond; oversight of abuse complaints

Conduct / complaint period: Complaints communicated beginning in December 2022

Source basis: Public allegation or disciplinary record, with attributed responses and outcomes

Also in the Title IV companion under this identifier.

Latest known outcome	Title IV matters concluded with pastoral response; later process-related agreement announced.

Status date: 2025-07-25

What was reported

Singh's family alleged that Curry and Ousley failed to respond promptly and properly to reports of domestic abuse. On December 30, 2024, the presiding bishop announced that the related Title IV matters had concluded with pastoral response. Curry agreed to write an apology. The announcement did not set out an equivalent individual requirement for Ousley. A July 2025 joint statement later announced a confidential resolution of the family's process concerns.

Response

Curry agreed to an apology; the reviewed closing announcement gives no comparable individual response from Ousley.

Public-record limits

A grouped record for related matters involving two respondents; not an allegation of personal sexual misconduct by either bishop.

Related records: AW-026, AW-028.

Sources

1. Family calls for investigation of complaint handling. Episcopal News Service · 2024-01-12. Reports the family's allegations about Curry and Ousley and the chronology of disclosure.

2. Resolution of the Curry and Ousley matters. The Episcopal Church · 2024-12-30. Confirms conclusion with pastoral response and Curry's agreement to apologize.

3. Presiding bishop and Singh family announce resolution of concerns. The Episcopal Church · 2025-07-25. Announces a separate confidential agreement about handling of the family's complaints.