

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT - 2009

The Chancellor of the Diocese is nominated by the Bishop and annually elected at the Diocesan Council. There is also a Vice-Chancellor nominated by the Bishop and annually elected at the Diocesan Council. The Chancellors are the legal advisors of and consultants to the Bishop as well as Diocesan officers, board chairs, committees and committee members. The Chancellor currently serves as a member of the Province IV Court of Review.

During the course of the past year the Chancellors have assisted the Bishop, the Standing Committee and the Diocese in a number of matters including consideration of the election and qualification of Vestry and Wardens, sexual misconduct issues, financial fraud and embezzlement, consideration of the rights of a “break away” church, the receipt and utilization of inter vivos and testamentary charitable gifts, termination of employment procedures, absentee ballots and balloting procedures, consulting on proposed Resolutions for Council, issues surrounding real estate leases and exchanges, security for Diocesan Foundation loans, the organization of St. Benedict’s Episcopal Church in Smyrna and the Dissolution of The Cathedral Board of Trustees.

The Chancellors have consulted with members of the Diocese with regard to the organization of new churches and made available suggested Bylaws for Parish non-profit corporations to comply with the Georgia Non-Profit Corporation Act.

The Chancellors attended the 27th meeting of the Province IV Episcopal Bishops’ and Chancellors’ Conference held in Louisville, Kentucky, in October.

Respectfully submitted,

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