

TIME SENSITIVE

Help the Episcopal Church learn from our experience when our bishop was suspended.

Earlier this week, elected representatives from the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan submitted a Resolution to the General Convention calling for a Task Force for Review and Support of the Presiding Bishop's Office of Pastoral Development. General Convention is the highest governance body of the Episcopal Church. [To learn more about General Convention, click here.](#)

Our deputies submitted this resolution to help the church learn from our experience and find ways to do better. We did research to understand what happened here, told the story and shared our thoughts about it, and provided a proposal to help the church improve.

[To read the text of the Resolution that was submitted, click here.](#)

[To read the Explanation, click here.](#)

This resolution has now been sent to a committee, which is our normal process. The legislative committee's job is to review all the resolutions in a specific topic area to consider, change, consolidate, delete and/or improve them. [The resolution was numbered D095 and sent to Committee 3 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons.](#)

Before making decisions about a resolution, a legislative committee is required to hold an open hearing. **Any Episcopalian can testify in an open hearing, but pre-registration is required.**

The open hearing for D095 is on Thursday, June 16, from 7:30pm to 9:30pm over Zoom.

In an open hearing, every person is granted a short (2 minute) opportunity to speak. Preparing a speech ahead of time is advised. The goal is to inform the committee about why the resolution matters from your perspective.

In order for our dioceses' voices to be heard in this process, we encourage you to testify on this resolution. Please speak your conscience; we are not asking you to support, but to participate.

[To register to testify, fill out this form by Tuesday, June 14th.](#) When you register, you will receive the Zoom information.

For more detailed instructions, please see the next page.

Here is how to complete the Meeting Details section:

Meeting Details

Legislative Committee *

03 - Title IV Disciplinary Canons

Date/Time *

Jun 16 2022

07 : 30 PM

Note that all legislative committee times are listed in Eastern Time

You can register either to observe or to testify. If you want to register to testify, and are not a bishop or deputy, fill out the form this way:

Observe or Testify

Please note that the type of meeting is listed in the virtual binder (<https://vbinder.net>) for each meeting. There are two types of committee meetings, Deliberation and Hearing. Only the ones listed "Video - Open Hearing" are eligible for members of the public to testify. The resolutions that will be considered during that hearing will be listed in the meeting notice. Prior to registering to testify, please make sure the meeting you are registering for is an open hearing. Otherwise, you will be registered as an observer.

Indicate if you will be observing a meeting or registering to testify at a hearing *

☐ I would like to observe a meeting

☒ I would like to testify at a hearing

Provide the resolution number for the resolution that you would like to testify to *

D095

The Resolution number will be a letter followed by a 3-digit number (ie. A123)

Indicate your position on the resolution *

☐ Pro

☐ Con

Indicate your role *

☐ Alternate Deputy

☐ Bishop

☐ Deputy

☒ Other