

IN THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA
BEFORE A HEARING PANEL
IN THE TITLE IV MATTER OF
THE REVEREND DR. B. CAYCE RAMEY, RESPONDENT

To: The Rev. Dr. B. Cayce Ramey, Respondent
The Rev. Edward O. Miller, Jr. Respondent's Advisor
Jack W. Burtch, Jr. Esquire, Counsel to Respondent
Bradfute W. Davenport, Jr., Esquire, Church Attorney
The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, Complainant

AMENDED NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 3, 2023, this Hearing Panel appointed in accordance with Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Canons of the Diocese of Virginia, received from the Church Attorney a Statement of Alleged Offenses of the Rev. Dr. B. Cayce Ramey, Respondent. An undated Notice with the Church Attorney's Statement attached was attempted to be served by email on June 9, 2023, that Notice is withdrawn. The Church Attorney's Statement is attached as Exhibit A to this Amended Notice.

This matter arises from allegations that Respondent has violated Canons of the Diocese of Virginia and the Canons of the Episcopal Church as further set forth in the attached Statement of Alleged Offenses. The purpose of this proceeding is to determine whether the allegations constitute offenses under the Canons of the Church, whether Respondent committed the offenses alleged in violation of the Canons, and whether an Order, as set forth in Canon IV.13.13 or IV.14 should issue.

The names of all persons to whom this Amended Notice is being sent are set forth above. In accordance with Canon IV.13.3 copies of this document, and other documents in that Canon, will be posted on the website of the Diocese of Virginia. (www.thediocese.net)

THE RESPONDENT MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS AMENDED NOTICE WITH THE HEARING PANEL NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS FROM RECEIPT BY EMAIL OF THIS AMENDED NOTICE. The Church Attorney, Counsel for Respondent and the Hearing Panel have agreed that in accordance with Canon IV.19.20 all notices and all other required documents can be filed by email without receipt confirmed in writing.

The Respondent is advised, in accordance with Canon IV.19.6, that in the event of his failure to appear or timely respond in this matter, the Hearing Panel may proceed with the matter in the absence of the Respondent, as set forth in the Canon, notwithstanding his failure to appear or respond.

Dated: June 12, 2023

/s/ 

Brian Carr, President
Hearing Panel of the
Diocese of Virginia

**THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA HEARING PANEL
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**STATEMENT OF THE CHURCH ATTORNEY OF
THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA TO THE HEARING PANEL OF
ALLEGED OFFENSES OF THE REVEREND DR. CAYCE RAMEY, RESPONDENT**

Pursuant to Canon IV.13.2, the Church Attorney states as follows:

1. The Respondent is a priest canonically resident in the Diocese of Virginia.
2. In 2022 the Respondent refused to receive Holy Communion himself and did not celebrate Holy Eucharist or administer it to others, stating that he would not do so again until there is clear proof of repentance and amendment of life in the Episcopal Church regarding white supremacy and racial injustice. And, even assuming for the sake of argument that a priest may refuse Communion to a group (which he cannot), he is required to notify the bishop within fourteen days at the most, giving the reasons for refusing Communion. Respondent did not so notify the bishop.
3. Respondent's actions are Offenses as set forth in Title IV, including but not limited to his duty to abide by the promises and vows made when he was ordained (Canon IV.4.1(c)), his duty to refrain from habitual neglect of public worship and of the Holy Communion according to the order and use of the Church (Canon IV.4.1(h)(8)), his duty to conform to the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer (Canon IV.4.1(b)), and his duty to refrain from any Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy (Canon IV.4.1(h)(9)).

Date: June 3, 2023

/s/ *Bradfute W. Davenport, Jr.*
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Church Attorney