

IN THE TITLE IV DISCIPLINARY MATTER  
INVOLVING THE RT. REV. S. JOHNSON HOWARD,  
RESPONDENT (FINANCIAL ALLEGATIONS)

TO: The Rt. Rev. S. Johnson Howard, Respondent  
The Rt. Rev. Douglas E. Sparks, Respondent's Advisor  
Stephen Busey, Esq., Respondent's Counsel  
Craig Thomas Merritt, Esq., Church Attorney

NOTICE

Pursuant to Episcopal Church Canon IV.12.2, the Hearing Panel hereby notifies all recipients as follows:

- (1) The Hearing Panel will convene, at a date and location to be identified in a later communication, in order to hear testimony and argument and review documents and other exhibits that will inform the Panel as it renders its decision in this matter.
- (2) The Written Statement prepared by the Church Attorney in this matter, with attachments, is attached hereto.
- (3) **The Respondent must file with the Hearing Panel a written response to this Notice within 30 days of the date of this Notice.**
- (4) Episcopal Church Canon IV.19.6 provides as follows:

In any proceeding under this Title in which the Respondent fails to appear before the Conference Panel as required by Canon IV.12.4, or to appear before the Hearing Panel as required by Canon IV.12.2.a, or to file in a timely manner with the Hearing Panel the written response required by Canon IV.12.2.c, such Panel may, in its discretion, proceed in the absence of the Respondent. In proceedings under this section, such panels may consider the materials described in Canon IV.12.1, and any

other types of evidence whose use is permitted in proceedings conducted before such Panels. The failure of a Respondent to appear, or to fail to file a written response, as described in this Section shall not, in itself, provide the basis for a finding that any Offense has been committed, other than any Offense specifically arising from such failure to appear, or failure to file.

**ISSUED BY THE HEARING PANEL THIS DATE, JULY 2, 2024:**

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Convener  
The Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison  
The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs  
The Rev. Mally Lloyd  
William Fleener, Esq.

**Your written response to this Notice may be sent to the Convener at**  
**[HearingPanel.Florida.finance@episdionc.org](mailto:HearingPanel.Florida.finance@episdionc.org)**

**Please acknowledge receipt of the Notice by replying to the above email.**