



St. Christopher's Church

A Member of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

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The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Bennison, Jr.
Bishop Diocesan
Diocese of Pennsylvania
240 South Fourth Street
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Dear Bishop Bennison:

At our April 18, 2006 Vestry meeting which you attended, the Vestry of St. Christopher's Church requested that you resign as Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Our reasons concerned your management and leadership of the Diocese.

In the July 28, 2010 Court of Review decision which reinstated you based upon the statute of limitations, eight Bishops unanimously concluded that as Rector of St. Mark's Church in Upland, California, you engaged in conduct unbecoming a member of the clergy on a number of occasions (pp. 21-25). They further unanimously concluded that you currently exhibit "impaired judgment" in failing to recognize that your conduct was wrong (p. 25).

The Vestry of St. Christopher's Church strongly agrees with the Standing Committee that your service as Bishop is not in the best interests of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. We repeat our request that you resign.

Sincerely,

The Vestry of St. Christopher's Church

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CC: The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania (The Rev. Glenn Matis, President, Ms. Arlene McGurk, Secretary, Ms. JoAnn Jones, The Rev. Sam Andoh, The Rev. Joy Segal, Mr. Mac McCausland, The Rev. Ledlie Laughlin, Mr. Christopher Hart, The Rev. Isaac Miller, Ms. D.L. Wormley), The Very Rev. Michael Pearson, Dean of Montgomery Deanery, David O'Reilly, Philadelphia Inquirer