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Re: The Diocese of South Carolina
H&K No. 3638

Dear Tom:

This letter is in response to your letter to me of Jan. 25, entitled "Threatened Departures from the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina." First of all, I appreciate your two invitations to lunch. My best recollection is that I asked you at the first one if you represented any one, and you told me that you did not, but that a lot of people were asking you questions, and that you were trying to get information to answer those questions.

You subsequently told me that you had been retained by TEC to represent them in "... some local matters." I had had an earlier telephone conference with David Beers in which he asked me if the Diocese would provide some information about three churches. To the best of my recollection, I told you that the answer to that question would depend upon a number of things, including what information we were talking about and whether or not the Diocese would be a party to any litigation. You assured me that you knew of no plans to involve the Diocese in litigation.

In your letter, you ask if you have mischaracterized, misunderstood or misstated what I said. Unfortunately, I am afraid that you may have inadvertently done so. For instance, you have assumed that certain parishes have withdrawn or threatened to withdraw. I told you that they have not left, whatever your perception about their actions to date. The Diocese would certainly have been aware of their leaving since they would have to leave the Diocese as well. The Bishop, as the sovereign authority in this Diocese, will work pastorally with Diocesan parishes and their members in ways that will seek to keep them a part of this Diocese.

As I told you recently on the telephone, I have no intention of engaging in an endless letter writing campaign so that one side can claim that if the other failed to respond to a statement, then that statement would be deemed admitted. I am both saddened and disappointed that you have chosen to make use of our friendly conversations in this way. I must respectfully decline to

answer your allegations specifically, because I see no useful purpose in arguing what either the Bishop or I did or did not say.

Based upon this specific letter and all the others that you have sent, it seems transparent that TEC is trying very hard to find reasons to involve either the Bishop or the Diocese, or perhaps both, in an adversarial situation. I believe that I stated to you that if that occurred, I would find it an occasion of great sadness, because it would necessarily cause both sides to spend enormous amounts of money in legal and other fees, to the detriment of the missions of both TEC and the Diocese of South Carolina.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure