



THE EPISCOPAL
DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN
THE CENTRAL THIRD OF CALIFORNIA

THE RT. REV. JERRY A. LAMB, BISHOP
THE REV. CANON MARK H. HALL, CANON TO THE ORDINARY

August 22, 2008

Via U.S. Mail

Re: Pastoral Direction [Title IV, Canon 1, Section 1(h)]

Dear _____,

As a clergy person canonically resident in this diocese you have not yet acknowledged me as the duly authorized ecclesiastical authority. It is the nature of this church that priests and deacons may only exercise their ministry under the authority of a bishop.

Accordingly, I hereby direct you to contact me **on or before September 5, 2008**, for the purpose of acknowledging me as the Bishop of this Diocese of the Episcopal Church. The foregoing is a Pastoral Direction pursuant to Title IV, Canon 1, Section 1(h) and Canon 15 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Please be advised that failure to comply with this Pastoral Direction may result in any or all of the following consequences:

Inhibition as a clergy person in the Episcopal Church;
Inability to be employed as a clergy person in any part of the Episcopal Church;
Presentment for violation of ordination vows, a determination of abandonment of communion, release from obligation of ordained ministry, or other appropriate discipline; and
Loss of eligibility to participate in the benefits of the Church Pension Group, including insurance.

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I do not relish the use of the disciplinary canons of the church. I would prefer to engage you in conversation and reconciliation. I am praying that you will respond and that you will not be subject to the consequences incumbent on me to impose in these situations.

In Christ,

+Jerry A. Lamb
Bishop of San Joaquin