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Subj: Re: conformity oath final for now unless there's more
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In a message dated 12/18/06 5:29:40 PM, frdanmartins@sbcglobal.net writes:

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For "the good of the Order," though neither urgent nor emergent, and in light of my reputation as a rubrical fundamentalist: There is no pecking order between the C&Cs and the BCP (texts and rubrics). The latter are subsumed into the former. The Prayer Book (texts and rubrics) has the force of canon law. So, no matter what canons or constitutional articles apply in the case at hand, the mere fact that the Oath is in the Prayer Book makes it mandatory.

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P.S. As we look at the future over the next year--that is, Bishop, SC, and Council together, per the resolution we passed--this is one detail to which we will need to attend; that is, the relationship between whatever constitutional and canonical authority we may come under and whatever liturgies are authorized by "this church," whatever "this church" may mean for us a year from now.