

Via Email

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Dear Mr. Rehill,

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Thank you for your letter directed to this Panel dated March 3, 2023. We respond only to your discontent with this Panel's comment made after oral argument, when we expressed our disapproval of your use of the Complainant's name and place of employment in your oral argument on behalf of the Respondent Rev. Anderson to the Diocese's Motion to Redact the Complainant's name and identifying information from further postings.

First, the Panel is provided with discretion to exercise our judgment and to "take reasonable steps to assure that the discovery process will not unduly burden any person from whom information is sought or unduly adversely affect any pastoral response being offered to such person." TEC Canon 13.5(f). It is entirely reasonable that given the knowledge by all that the purpose of the motion was the merits of redaction, and that given the Panel had redacted all mention of the Complainant's name and identifying information from all pleading filed by counsel to be publicly posted on the Diocesan website, that both counsel would know that in a public setting (oral argument) which was attended by over 30 individuals from the public and for which there would be a record available, that mention of the Complainant's name and/or employment of Complainant would defeat one of the primary objectives of the motion. This was not an instruction that should have been necessary beforehand.

This Panel will not amend its Opinion as so requested. As to your request that your letter be posted to the website, the Panel has no objection to your request and will post this response and any response Mr. Allison may wish to make, as long as his response, if any, is provided no later than Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. Nancy E. Gossling, president of the Hearing Panel

The Rev. Joel Ives, member of the Hearing Panel

Ms. Diane Grondin, member of the Hearing Panel