

Notes and Resources

- Upcoming events for Chancellors:
 - The National Chancellors Dinner, which the President of the Episcopal Chancellors' Network characterizes as "the high point of every General Convention," is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2012, in Indianapolis, Indiana. It is open to all members of The Episcopal Chancellors Network and spouses/partners.
 - The Province IV Bishops and Chancellors Conference will be held in October, 2012, in Savannah, Georgia. It is open to all Chancellors and Vice-chancellors as well as Bishops of the Province.

For more information on either of these events please contact Lawrence R. Hitt II, President of The Episcopal Chancellors Network, at LRHitt2@msn.com.

- In February Westlaw Publishers released a thorough update of William W. Bassett, W. Cole Durham, and Robert T. Smith's *Religious Organizations and the Law*. The loose-leaf volumes, first published in 1997, trace secular court decisions concerning churches and the exercise of religion. The recent updating expands the work from two to four volumes and, according the Westlaw, adds "substantially new chapters on bankruptcy and intellectual property while providing extensive new discussions on immigration, employment, taxations, marriage and family law." Changes in the sections on church property have also been made in order to take recent litigation into account. For details on the work see

<http://store.westlaw.com/religious-organizations-law/4314/13516709/productdetail>.

- In April a Reference Panel for Bishops made the decision to forward to a Conference Panel a complaint from Province III by a priest about the way in which his bishop had applied the Title IV Disciplinary Canons, which came into effect on July 1, 2011.
- On June 18, 2012 the Supreme Court of the United States denied *certiorari* on two cases that had pointed to inconsistency in the way in which state courts have been dealing with the application of “neutral principles” to church matters. The petitions for Bishop Seabury Church in Connecticut and the Timberridge Presbyterian Church in Georgia are currently posted on the Stand Firm web site at http://standfirminfaith.com/media/Seabury_Petition_for_Certiorari.pdf and http://standfirminfaith.com/media/Timberridge_Petition_for_Certiorari.pdf