



## A Message from the Bishop and Standing Committee

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On Wednesday, January 30, 2019, the Bishop and Standing Committee received information regarding one of our nominees for bishop, the Rev. Canon Anne Mallonee.

It was alleged that the Rev. Canon Mallonee failed to report the sexual abuse of a student by another priest when the Rev. Canon Mallonee was Chaplain at the University of Kansas in the late 1980's. The Diocese of New York, which has jurisdiction in this matter, has determined that the facts of the matter do not support the allegation, and the Intake Officer of New York has dismissed the complaint. Under our canons, the person who brought the complaint has thirty (30) days to appeal, and the appeal period will overlap our Electing Convention by several weeks.

As it stands now, there is currently no charge against the Rev. Canon Mallonee, and she remains on the ballot. We believe that we need to report to the Electing Convention the possibility of an appeal. In preparing this statement, the Bishop and Standing Committee have conferred with the Bishop for Pastoral Development and the nominee.

The Rt. Rev. Stephen T. Lane, *Bishop of Maine*

The Rev. Maria Hoecker, *President of the Standing Committee*

The Rev. Sarah Gavit, Ms. Brenda Hamilton, The Rev. Timothy Higgins

Mr. Douglas Mayer, Mr. Charles Priest, *Members of the Standing Committee*

Almighty God, giver of every good gift:  
Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those  
who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese  
that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your  
people and equip us for our ministries;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *Statement from the Rev. Cn. Anne Mallonee*

Dear Friends,

I commend the decision for full transparency that your Bishop and Standing Committee have made on this matter. I am grateful for the dismissal by the Diocese of New York.

The Episcopal Church has made an important commitment to address past misconduct -- arising from the #MeToo movement -- and to transform our Church into a safer place for all. As a priest I fully embrace this commitment.  
Blessings,

Anne+