



## The Provincial Episcopal Synod of the Liberal Catholic Church Province of the United States of America

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To the Members of the General Episcopal Synod of the Liberal Catholic Church:

We the Provincial Episcopal Synod of the Liberal Catholic Church in the United States of America, are in receipt of the attached email that was sent by Bishop Maurice Warnon to a priest in this Province. Please note Maurice identifies himself as the representative of the so-called Dutch Synod. Further please note, Maurice solicits this priest to join the schismatic Dutch Province.

It is the position of the Provincial Episcopal Synod in this country that, by this action +Maurice Warnon has

1. Separated himself from the unity of the General Episcopal Synod.
2. Has aligned himself with the breakaway Dutch "Synod" and is thereby in schism
3. Has brought the Episcopacy into scandal, disrepute by his secretive and subversive attempts at suborning clergy of this Province into schism.
4. Has brought discredit upon the Church and has acted in a manner which is prejudicial to good order in the Church and as a result is in breach of Article 26 (a) of the Constitution of the Church.

Further at sometime in the past year Mr. Warnon has incorporated as an "Independent Liberal Catholic Bishop" under the laws of the State of New York ostensibly for "tax purposes". He continues to house an "independent" congregation that has withdrawn from the Province of the United States of America. He publishes a newsletter for this so-called parish that is no longer a part of the Province of the USA in which his son Michael is listed as the current rector, when in fact, we have a letter from Michael Warnon requesting "inactive" status.

Mr. Warnon has repeatedly and consistently made negative and inflammatory comments in emails and correspondence with regard to the Presiding Bishop, Bishops of the American Province and the GES generally. He accuses others of un-brotherliness and lack of charity yet at the same time he continues to foster unrest and dissention within the church.

Therefore, we the Bishops of the Province of the United States of America call for the immediate termination of his membership in the General Episcopal Synod and the Liberal Catholic Church.

The Rt. Rev. William S H Downey , Regionary Bishop  
The Rt Rev. Lawrence J Smith, Regionary Bishop Emeritus  
The Rt. Rev. Hein van Beusekom, Regionary Bishop Emeritus  
The Rt. Rev. Robert S. McGinnis, Jr. Deputy to the Regionary Bishop  
The Rt. Rev. Joseph L. Tisch, Auxiliary Bishop  
The Rt. Rev. Ruben R. Cabigting, Auxiliary Bishop