



## ***Role and Ministry Of the Office of Presiding Bishop of the Communion***

As the Ecumenical Catholic Communion, we embrace the role of Bishop in the Catholic tradition to guide, to teach and to unify the people of God gathered as Church.

The ECC Constitution places on the Office of Presiding Bishop (“OPB”) the central pastoral and executive office of the Communion (Canon 4). The Presiding Bishop is a member of the Leadership Council and convenes the Episcopal Council (when applicable). The Office of Presiding Bishop contains several appointed positions to assist in this work, such as Vicars, the Chancellor and the Administrator. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a chart of responsibilities as of 2009.

Please consult this chart when you have an issue to discuss with the OPB. Of course, personal correspondence with Bishop Peter should be made directly. Since Bishop Peter works for the ECC only part time, your issue may be handled more efficiently if you take advantage of those who have been delegated responsibility. Most notably, this delegation involves the following roles:

- The Coordinating Vicar’s duties include organizing communications with other Vicars, identifying pastoral needs and priorities in consultation with other Vicars on behalf of the OPB, representing the OPB when the Presiding Bishop is absent or unavailable on pastoral issues.
- The Chancellor’s duties include representing the OPB in all non-pastoral matters in the absence of the presiding Bishop, serving as the quality control officer by approving all non-routine, non-personal statements, documents and correspondence of the ECC.
- The Administrator manages internal communications, finances, routine external correspondence, the website in consultation with the Chancellor, maintains the files of the ECC and assists those sponsoring ECC events.

**Organizational Chart for OPB**

