



The Ecumenical Catholic Communion
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

September 9, 2014

Re: Transition of the Office of Presiding Bishop

Dear Delegates to the 2014 Synod:

After extensive consultation with the Leadership Council and the Episcopal Council, I am writing to bring you up to date on the transition plan for the Office of Presiding Bishop. You may recall we decided at the Synod of 2012 to have the election for the Presiding Bishop (PB) in 2014 even though my term runs through 2015. The idea was that the person elected would be PB-Elect in training through 2015 and take over the OPB at the end of 2015.

While meeting to prepare for the 2014 Synod another option came to us to maximize attendance at the consecration and conserve resources. We are proposing that the elected PB be consecrated at the end of the Synod and serve as Coadjutor for one year. In our tradition a Coadjutor is an assisting Bishop who is understood to be the successor to the current Bishop. I will work out the specific responsibilities with the Coadjutor following the Synod.

I have spoken with both candidates for PB and they accept this approach. The remaining challenge is the budget. We will be working with the finance committee on appropriate compensation for the Coadjutor for 2015. We have an existing budget deficit, and we will be having a special fund raising effort this fall to address this deficit and new transition issues.

I look forward to seeing you all in Denver this October!

In Christ,

Bishop Peter Elder Hickman

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