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REHILL AND LUTZ AWARDED HONORARY DEGREES BY THE EPISCOPAL UNIVERSITY OF HAITI

Port-au-Prince, Haiti. On May 24, 2017, the Episcopal University of Haiti bestowed the degree of Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) *Honoris Causa* upon the Hon. Michael F. Rehill and the degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) *Honoris Causa* upon Pamela L. Lutz.

The Hon. Michael F. Rehill, a retired New Jersey Municipal Court Judge, is an internationally recognized expert in the Canon Law of the Episcopal Church. For more than 30 years he has represented both Priests and Bishops who have been charged with canonical offenses under Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church (Ecclesiastical Discipline).

Judge Rehill is a graduate of Wesleyan University (B.A.) and New York Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*). He has been practicing law in New Jersey since 1972. He received training in Mediation from the New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators (NJAPM). He is admitted to the Bars of the State of New Jersey, the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. He has appeared in 18 Federal jurisdictions and both the Supreme Court of New Jersey and the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the American Bar Association (Dispute Resolution Section), the New Jersey State Bar Association (Dispute Resolution Section) and the New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators.

He spent more than two decades as a Chancellor in the Episcopal Church. In the Diocese of Newark he holds the title of Chancellor *Emeritus*, which was given to him in 2002 after 18 years of service as Chancellor (from 1991 through 2002) and as Vice Chancellor (1984-1991). He also served as Chancellor of Province II of the Episcopal Church from 1993 through 1999. He served as Church Attorney in the Diocese of Long Island from 2006 through 2008. He served as Chancellor of the Diocese of Pennsylvania from 2007 through 2010. For ten years he also represented the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the United States of America. He is a member of the Ecclesiastical Law Society (U.K.).

Judge Rehill retired in 2012 as the President of Province II, a position he had held since 2006 after serving as Vice President of the Province for seven years. He was a member of the Provincial Leadership Conference from 1999 through 2011. He was also a Trustee of the Diocese of Newark from 1988 through 2009. He was a seven-time Deputy to General Convention dating back to 1985, and he served at General Convention on the Committee on the Constitution, the Committee on Canons, and the Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

Pamela L. Lutz is a professional mediator. She holds a B.A. from William Paterson University, and a Master of Science in Law (M.S.L.) from Champlain College. She holds Certificates from both Boston University and Rutgers University, including Advanced Mediation Training. She also received Advanced Mediation Training from the New Jersey Association of

Professional Mediators (NJAPM). She has been awarded the title of Alternate Dispute Resolution Specialist from the IADR Global (Institute for Advanced Dispute Resolution Global).

Ms. Lutz is a member of the New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators; the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR); and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC). She is also a Member of the American Bar Association and the Section of Dispute Resolution; a Member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, and the Ecclesiastical Law Society (U.K.).

She is the co-founder of Sussex County Mediation Center, LLC, and a co-founder and President of CanonLawyer, Inc. For the past 12 years, Ms. Lutz has been working with Judge Rehill in the defense of clergy throughout the United States who have been charged with canonical offenses under Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church (Ecclesiastical Discipline). She is a well-respected expert in the Canon Law of the Episcopal Church, and she has served as Canon Law Advisor to both Priests and Bishops throughout the Episcopal Church.

Judge Rehill served as Counsel to The Right Reverend Jean-Zaché Duracin, Bishop of Haiti, and Ms. Lutz served as an advisor on Canon Law to Bishop Duracin in the recent Title III and Title IV matters and played a major role in negotiating their successful conclusion.