

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
CHARLESTON DIVISION

The Right Reverend Charles G. vonRosenberg,  
Individually and in his capacity as Provisional  
Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the  
Diocese of South Carolina,  
  
Plaintiff,

v.

The Right Reverend Mark J. Lawrence and John  
Does numbers 1-10, being fictitious defendants  
whose names presently are unknown to Plaintiff  
and will be added by amendment when  
ascertained.  
  
Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER:  
2:13-cv-00587-CWH

MOTION TO DISMISS OR  
IN THE ALTERNATIVE TO  
ABSTAIN OR STAY  
PROCEEDINGS

The undersigned counsel for the Defendant, Mark J. Lawrence, respectfully move this Court for a dismissal of this action or in the alternative for the Court to abstain from exercising jurisdiction and/or for a stay of these proceedings pursuant to the provisions of Rule 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(6), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Anti-Injunction Act (28 U.S.C. § 2283), the federal declaratory judgment, *Younger* and *Colorado River* abstention doctrines. In support of their Motion, the Defendant incorporates herein his Memorandum in Support.

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