

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past several weeks the bishops and Standing Committees of the Episcopal Church have been asked to consider the election of a new bishop for Northern Michigan. The Diocesan Convention of that Diocese elected the Reverend Kevin Thew Forrester.

After much prayer, discussion and reflection, I have decided not to give consent to this election. The Standing Committee of the Diocese of West Virginia has also deliberated on this election and has also declined to give consent.

Please pray for Fr. Forrester, the Diocese of Northern Michigan, and this Church.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Michie Klusmeyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a long, sweeping tail.

The Rt. Rev. W. Michie Klusmeyer
Bishop