



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB0024:
Annotated Code – Terminology – Clergy and Churches, Faith
Institutions, and 3 Places of Worship
FAVORABLE**

**TO: Delegate Anne Healey, Chair, Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr., Vice
Chair and the members of the House Rules and Executive Nominations
Committee**

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This Bill is long overdue. It recognizes that our concept of places of worship and faith traditions is out-moded and needs to be expanded. We need to recognize and respect all faith traditions, including Judaism, Islam, etc. This Bill recognizes that our laws need to reflect our diverse society and be inclusive and ecumenical with regard to the idea of what constitutes a faith tradition and a place of worship.

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland urges a favorable report.