

July 6, 2026

**In the Matter of The Most Rev'd Stephen D. Wood  
(Archbishop, The Anglican Church in North America  
Bishop, Diocese of the Carolinas)**

**ORDER SETTING TRIAL AND PRE-TRIAL SCHEDULE  
AND DISCOVERY ORDER**

THIS MATTER is set for trial beginning September 7, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. EDT. Counsel for all parties shall also appear at a calendar call via Zoom at 1:30 p.m. EDT on September 4, 2026. The trial will be held in Charleston, South Carolina from September 7-12, 2026. The specific courtroom location will be provided in advance of the calendar call.

The parties shall adhere to the following schedule:

**July 8, 2026.** The parties shall respond to all currently outstanding discovery requests.

**July 20, 2026.** Any discovery motions, including motions to compel, must be filed. The parties are admonished to have a good faith conferral on any outstanding issues before filing any such motions. Responsive pleadings will be due on **July 27, 2026**. If the Court deems it necessary, a hearing will be held on **August 3, 2026**. Initial motions are limited to ten (10) pages and responsive pleadings to five (5).

**August 3, 2026.** To the extent not previously exchanged, the parties shall provide to each other and the Court a **final** list of all the witnesses expected to testify at trial, including the name, phone number, address, and electronic address of each witness; and copies of all documents and exhibits intended for use at trial.

**August 24, 2026.** All discovery, including depositions, shall be completed.

**August 24, 2026.** The parties shall file all pre-trial motions. If a party cannot address all evidentiary issues in a 20-page memorandum, it must petition the Court for leave to include additional pages.

**August 31, 2026.** The parties shall submit a joint pre-trial stipulation, exhibit lists, witness lists, deposition designations, and preliminary proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. Final proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law shall be due following the trial in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

**Good Faith Conferral.** For the purposes of compliance with the good faith conferral requirement set forth above, the parties are instructed that a single e-mail exchange with opposing counsel shall not constitute a good faith effort. The parties are instructed to confer either telephonically or by video conference.

**Discovery.** The parties will file notices with the Court when discovery answers are produced to the other party. The parties will also file notices of requests for depositions with the Court. Due to the compressed time available, parties may send discovery requests with a twenty-one day response period.

**Depositions.** Any witness that either party expects to offer at trial must make his or herself available for deposition by the other party. No witness shall be allowed to testify at trial if he or she has not been available for deposition before August 24, 2026.

**Discovery Disputes.** Counsel must actually confer and engage in reasonable compromise in a genuine effort to resolve their discovery disputes before seeking the Court's intervention. If, after conferring, the parties are unable to resolve their discovery dispute without Court intervention, they shall follow the procedure set forth above.

**Trial Exhibits.** All trial exhibits must be pre-marked. The Province's exhibits must be marked numerically with the acronym "ACNA" as a prefix; the Respondent's exhibits must be marked numerically with "Wood" as a prefix. The parties must submit a list setting out all exhibits by the date of the calendar call. This list must indicate the pre-marked identification label (*e.g.*, ACNA-1 or Wood-1) and include a brief description of the exhibits.

**Time for Presentation of Evidence. Each side shall have a total of fifteen (15) hours to present evidence to the Court over the period of September 7-12, 2026 in person in Charleston, South Carolina. This time includes opening statements, closing statements, direct examination, cross examination, and any other presentation of evidence by the parties. This time does not include any questioning by members of the Court. This shall be the total time allowed for each side in this trial. The Court does not intend for the trial to last beyond September 12, 2026, even though there is time set aside in the event that something unforeseeable occurs necessitating further time.**

**DONE AND ORDERED** this sixth day of July, 2026 by the Court for the Trial of a Bishop of the Anglican Church in North America.

/s/ +Ryan Reed  
The Right Reverend Ryan Reed  
President, Court for the Trial of a Bishop

/s/ Katherine R. Grosskopf  
Katherine R. Grosskopf  
Presiding Officer, Court for the Trial of a Bishop