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STATEMENT OF THE COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF A BISHOP

The Court for the Trial of a Bishop is aware of recent commentary within the wider church concerning the Court's proceedings and communications. The Court does not intend to respond to every public statement, nor will it litigate this matter in the public square. The Court does, however, believe it is right to remind the faithful of the solemn foundation upon which its work rests.

At its commissioning and seating, this Court was constituted in prayer and sworn before Almighty God by the Acting Ecclesiastical Authority of the Province. Each member of the Court solemnly declared, in the presence of Almighty God, a willingness to serve to the very best of his or her ability. Each member promised to support, defend, and be guided by God's Holy Word and the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church in North America in all deliberations. Each member promised to approach every matter before the Court with an open heart and mind, without prejudice, malice, or guile. Each member promised to treat every person who comes before the Court with the respect and dignity due a Child of God washed in the blood of the Lamb.

These are not ceremonial formalities. They are binding oaths, made before God and His Church, and the Court will conduct these proceedings accordingly. The Court was commissioned with the prayer that it be saved from all error, ignorance, prejudice, and pride, and that the order and discipline of Christ's Church may be maintained. That prayer governs the Court's work each day.

The Court's sole objective in all the cases before them remains a fair adjudication that will enable the truth to come into the light and a just verdict as a result. The Court will weigh evidence, not commentary. It will be guided by testimony properly before it, not by speculation, advocacy, or public pressure from any quarter. No person or party, whatever their position or sympathies, will receive anything more or less from this Court than the impartial administration of the Constitution and Canons under the authority of God's Word.

The Court asks the faithful to refrain from speculation and public contention, and instead to pray for all involved: for those who have brought allegations, for the Respondent and his family, for the witnesses, and for the members of the Court, that we would be granted, in the words of our commissioning, a pure intention, a patient faith, divine discernment, and a love for justice tempered by God's grace.

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8, ESV)

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