



ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN NORTH AMERICA

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Dear Beloved Members of the Church and Clergy,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As you all know, we are in a challenging and painful season for our Church. I wanted to share with you some important updates.

Recently, Archbishop Steve Wood decided to take a voluntary leave of absence while allegations against him are investigated and resolved. On Saturday, the ACNA Executive Committee approved a resolution to grant Archbishop Wood a paid leave of absence until the proceedings against him reach a conclusion. At that point, the Province will determine the most appropriate course of action.

During this period, as Dean of the Province, Archbishop Steve Wood has appointed me to take on the canonical responsibilities of the office of the Archbishop, a decision the College of Bishops affirmed in a meeting earlier today. Additionally, Archbishop Wood has asked Bishop Julian Dobbs to serve as Dean of Provincial Affairs. In this role, he will help oversee staff management, liaise with domestic and international bodies, and provide general support to me in carrying out my duties so the mission of the Church can continue without undue distraction or impediments. The College of Bishops supports this decision as well.

The Title IV disciplinary process outlined in our canons continues to move forward. A Board of Inquiry is in the process of being formed to evaluate and investigate the charges brought against Archbishop Wood. To learn more about the Title IV process, I encourage you to visit our [FAQs page](#) which is regularly updated and includes a dedicated resource to address information related to this specific circumstance. The goal of this process is to seek truth and justice as promptly as possible for all concerned parties.

The Provincial staff remains committed to serving the province. They will work to advance the Church's mission and priorities as outlined by Archbishop Wood during his absence and will work closely with Bishop Dobbs and me during this time. Please hold all these matters in your prayers. Finally let us keep in mind that God works all things together for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).

In Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray R. Sutton".

The Most Reverend Ray Sutton
Dean of the Province
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