

**FOR RELEASE**

June 24, 2026

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

**STATEMENT OF THE COURT REGARDING TRIAL RESET**

On June 19, 2026, the Court issued its sua sponte Order resetting the trial in this matter. On June 20, 2026, counsel for the Archbishop filed a Motion to Reconsider the trial reset, citing a number of grounds including availability of counsel. The Court prayerfully considered the Motion to Reconsider and met via Zoom on the afternoon of June 23, 2026 to decide the matter. After some discussion, it was decided that the Motion to Reconsider should be denied but that the Court would seek further input from the parties regarding the date on which trial will start. That date shall be no sooner than October 18, 2026, which is ninety days from the initial trial date.

The Court's reasons for this continuance stem from the Court's purpose, which is to discern the truth or falsity of the allegations before it. The Court is hopeful that the ninety-day reset will allow for increased cooperation between stakeholders regarding information that could evidence that truth but which has, to this point, not been forthcoming from several sources. The Court recognizes that it does not have the power to force any such cooperation, but requests that individuals and entities with any such information prayerfully consider their ability to aid the Court in discerning the truth of these matters.

The Court is mindful of the need for a speedy trial in this case, but has weighed that need against the need for a *full* adjudication of these allegations, both for the good of the Church and the Archbishop's own reputation, and finds that a continuance of no less than ninety days is necessary.

Once a trial date has been determined with the input of the parties, a discovery Order shall issue.

/s/ +Ryan Reed  
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President of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop

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