

FOR RELEASE

September 13, 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

The trial in the case of the Presentment of Archbishop Steven Wood concluded on September 11, 2026. The Court for the Trial of a Bishop would specifically like to express its gratitude to each of the thirty-eight witnesses it heard from over the course of five days for their testimony and travel to Charleston, South Carolina.

The next steps in the timeline could take up to 101 days from September 11, 2026, including time for the processing of the transcript by the court reporter, receipt of findings of fact and conclusions of law from both the Province and Respondent, and further deliberations of the Court. The absolute last day the Court may release an opinion is December 21, 2026. While the timeline may end up being shorter, the Court cannot speculate on the timing of an opinion at this time.

Each morning before trial opened, the Court prayed with the attorneys, the Respondent, the Court advisors, and court reporter. Each day we prayed in the in the words of our Lord and Savior, “thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” This is our continuing prayer. That even in the midst of the great grief and stress this process has brought to the Province, God’s will shall be done. As you move forward in these months of uncertainty, please let that prayer ground your heart. Please keep the Court’s deliberations in your prayers.

/s/ +Ryan Reed
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/s/ Katherine R. Grosskopf
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