

October 17, 2008

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**Re: *Grace Church and Saint Stephens, et al. v.
The Bishop and Diocese of Colorado, et al.***

Dear Mr. Nussbaum:

I have reviewed the Affidavit of Allen Guelzo, the Affidavit of Peter Toon, and the First Affidavit of Mary McReynolds in this action, and offer the following opinions:

1. The Episcopal Church continues to be in communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury and is a member province of the Anglican Communion.
2. Bishops of The Episcopal Church participated in the 2008 meeting of the Lambeth Conference, a meeting of the bishops of the worldwide Anglican Communion usually convened every 10 years by the Archbishop of Canterbury.
3. The next meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council is scheduled for May 2009 in Jamaica. Anglican Consultative Council Members of The Episcopal Church have been invited to attend that meeting and will participate fully.
4. The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church continues to participate fully in those gatherings of the primates of the Anglican Communion known as the "Primates Meetings."
5. Since 2003, some Anglican bishops, or occasionally, provinces, of the Anglican Communion have stated that they are in "impaired" or "broken" communion with The Episcopal Church (USA). Similar statements were made in the 1970s and 1980s, when The Episcopal Church began to ordain women to the priesthood and then the episcopate. Such statements

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reflect the speakers' disagreement with The Episcopal Church on some theological matters, but do not affect The Episcopal Church's status as a part of the Anglican Communion.

6. CANA is a missionary initiative of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican) that has been established in violation of traditional Anglican polity and practice. As stated in *The Windsor Report* (2004, paragraph 154) "Whilst there are instances in the polity of Anglican churches that more than one jurisdiction exists in one place, this is something to be discouraged rather than propagated. We do not therefore favour (sic) the establishment of parallel jurisdictions." Accordingly, CANA is in clear violation of the fundamental Anglican principle of diocesan jurisdictional integrity and is not recognized as a legitimate diocese/province of the Anglican Communion. No representative of CANA participated in, or was invited to attend, the 2008 Lambeth Conference.

7. The Anglican Communion is not a formal, singular, organization. Rather the Anglican Communion is a family of churches, or "provinces," that have a common root in the See of Canterbury and have evolved from the historic missions of the Church of England and The Episcopal Church. The separate provinces of the Anglican Communion are self-governing and autonomous but, recognizing their common roots and traditions, often work together with respect to mission projects and mission relationships.

8. The Anglican Communion does not dictate any aspect of the governance or polity of The Episcopal Church, or any other Anglican church/province. Nor does the Anglican Communion dictate or have any control over determining or defining the actions, decisions, and mission of the Episcopal Church. The Episcopal Church's General Convention alone decides the mission priorities and programs of The Episcopal Church.

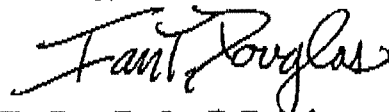
9. Since its founding in 1789, The Episcopal Church has not departed from, but has been faithful to its fundamental doctrines.

10. My qualifications include the following: I am the Angus Dun Professor of Mission and World Christianity at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. I am a member of The Episcopal Church's Executive Council as well as its International Concerns Committee. I am also The Episcopal Church's clergy member-elect to the Anglican Consultative Council. I have previously served on The Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on World Mission and The General Convention's Special Commission on The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. In the Anglican Communion, I was a member of the Design Group for the 2008 Lambeth Conference of bishops and have served on the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Mission and Evangelism. For my work with Lambeth 2008, Archbishop of Canterbury The Most Rev. Rowan Williams awarded me the Cross of St. Augustine, the highest honor in the Anglican Communion. Additional qualifications are identified on my attached biography.

11. My conclusions are based on my career of study concerning The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, and my other work and first-hand experiences.

12. Within the past four years, I provided deposition and trial testimony in *In re Multi-Circuit Church Property Litigation* (Virginia Circuit Court, Fairfax County). I am not receiving any compensation for my work in connection with this litigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ian Douglas". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

The Rev. Dr. Ian T. Douglas

IAN T. DOUGLAS

The Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Ph.D. is Angus Dun Professor of Mission and World Christianity at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In the broader Anglican Communion, Douglas has served as a member of the Design Group for the 2008 Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops, a member of the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Mission and Evangelism, and a Consultant for Theological Education in the Anglican Communion (TEAC). He serves on the International Editorial Board for the *Journal of Anglican Studies* and is a founding organizer of the Anglican Contextual Theologians Network and the Global Anglicanism Project. In the Episcopal Church, Douglas is deeply engaged in both mission and inter-Anglican relations, serving as a member of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church and a member of the Executive Council's International Concerns Committee. In addition the Council has elected him to be The Episcopal Church's clergy member of the Anglican Consultative Council. Douglas has also served as Co-Chair of The Special Commission on The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion and a member of the Special Legislative Committee of the 2006 General Convention responding to *The Windsor Report*. He is past Convener of the Episcopal Seminary Consultation on Mission and a founder of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation. Published widely in studies on mission, world Christianity, and contemporary Anglicanism, his most recent book is: *Understanding the Windsor Report: Two Leaders in the American Church Speak Across the Divide*, written in cooperation with Paul Zahl (Church Publishing, 2005). Douglas holds degrees from Middlebury College (B.A.), the Harvard University Graduate School of Education (Ed.M.), and Harvard Divinity School (M.Div.). He completed his Ph.D. in Religious and Theological Studies with a focus in missiology at the Boston University Graduate School in 1993. For his work on the Design Group for the 2008 Lambeth Conference, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams has awarded Douglas the Cross of St. Augustine, the highest honor in the Anglican Communion.

