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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from Abuja, where I have been attending the GAFCON G26 Conference.

The Lord be with you today.

It has been a joy and privilege to be here representing you - the churches of the Anglican Mission in England. As I have met with Anglican leaders and believers from around the world, I have carried you with me through a genuine sense of being your representative here. I am thankful for the faithfulness and commitment to the gospel of every AMiE church.

One of the encouragements of these days has been the fellowship I have shared. Anglicans from many nations have gathered together and it has been a beautiful reminder that the church of Jesus Christ is truly global. Although we come from different cultures and contexts, we are united by something far deeper: our shared faith in Christ and our commitment to the authority of the Bible.

The teaching throughout the conference has been rich and deeply encouraging. Again and again we have been brought back to the Bible and to the historic faith of the church. The speakers have come from across the Anglican world, each bringing wisdom from their own context while pointing us to the same gospel of Jesus Christ. In due course, the talks will be available online and in a book, and I hope many of you will have the opportunity to listen and be encouraged by them.

Another thing that has been especially heartening is the spirit in which the final conference statement was written. Every delegate was able to read and comment on each part of the document as it was being prepared. This meant that the final statement truly reflects the prayerful thinking and shared conviction of the whole gathering, not simply the views of a small group of leaders.

More than four hundred Anglican leaders have gathered here in Abuja to pray together, listen to the Bible and seek the Lord's guidance for the future of our global Anglican family. During our time, the Chairman of GAFCON, Archbishop Laurent Mbanda, presented what is now known as the Abuja Affirmation. This statement expresses the shared convictions that emerged from our prayers, discussions and study of the Bible.

I warmly encourage you to read this statement carefully and prayerfully - it is available online.

At its heart, the affirmation reminds us that our unity as Anglicans is not built on institutional structures but on our shared confession of the biblical faith. This faith is clearly expressed in the Jerusalem Declaration, which affirms the authority of the Bible, the historic teaching of the Anglican church, and the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. The statement also acknowledges, with sadness but with clarity, that some parts of the historic Anglican structures have moved away from the teaching of the Bible. For that reason, it calls for what is described as "principled disengagement." This is not about conflict or division for its own sake. Rather, it reflects the conviction that our first loyalty must always be to the Lord Jesus Christ and to the truth of the Bible.

Alongside this, we also celebrated the formation of the Global Anglican Council, which will help provide spiritual leadership and support for this growing fellowship of faithful Anglicans around the world. The council is made up of archbishops, bishops, clergy and lay members - our Presiding Bishop (Andy Lines) is a member. We give thanks for the leadership of Archbishop Laurent Mbanda (Rwanda) as Chair, Archbishop Miguel Uchôa (Brasil) as Deputy Chair, and Paul Donison (USA) as General Secretary.

The shared desire of the restructured Global Anglican Church is very simple: to remain faithful to the gospel we have received and to pass it on clearly to the next generation. We long to see churches that are firmly rooted in the teaching of the Bible and fully committed to the mission of making Christ known.

Let me share a few other personal words.

First, your faithfulness to the Bible and commitment to the historic Anglican faith are a great encouragement to others. Our proto-province (ANiE) is specifically named in the Abuja Affirmation and so the stand you have taken personally is not one of isolation, but a globally recognised example of faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Second, please remember that you are not alone. Across the world there are many millions of Anglicans who share the same convictions as you. From Africa to Asia, from the Americas to Europe, faithful believers are standing together to proclaim Christ and to uphold the truth of the gospel.

Third, you are deeply connected to this global fellowship. Through our leadership and relationships, the churches of AMiE have both a voice and a place within this growing movement of faithful Anglicans.

Please continue to pray for the churches represented in Abuja. Pray that the Lord would give us wisdom, humility, courage and unity as we seek to walk faithfully together. Above all, pray that God would use this renewed global fellowship to strengthen his church, advance the gospel and bring many people to saving faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

And fourthly, the key verse of the conference was Joshua 24v15: "Choose this day whom you will serve ... as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." May the Lord fill us and strengthen us by his Holy Spirit and enable us to serve the Lord Jesus today and every day.

Yours in Jesus' fellowship and service,

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