



The Episcopal Church in South Carolina



May 1, 2019

Dear People of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina,

I began my time with you as your Provisional Bishop at the beginning of September 2016. As you may recall the Standing Committee at that time requested of me a two-year commitment. September 2019 will begin my fourth year. My time among you has been full of grace and as I fully expected to happen, I have fallen in love with you and this place. God has been good and I find my heart filled with gratitude.

I am not at this point announcing an ending date. What I do want you to know is that I have requested that the Standing Committee, with Diocesan Council's support, begin to work on a transition plan for episcopal leadership that will not only serve us well in the short term, but also well into a healthy future as a diocese. We do this work with the assistance of the Presiding Bishop's office, with which the Standing Committee is already in conversation. We also do this work fully aware that we yet have many unknowns before us.

I am with you in this process and will continue to function as I have in my half-time capacity as your Provisional Bishop. When the time comes to name the specifics of the process we will be following, the Standing Committee will communicate with you in a timely manner. Until then, please continue to hold all diocesan leadership in your prayer as we seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus who gives us hope.

Blessings and peace in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Gladstone B. Adams III