



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach

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***To Be Read in Congregations of the Mid-South Region
Regarding the Proposed Formation of the Anglican Diocese of the Mid-South***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I am writing today to share my support and encouragement as your parish considers the forthcoming motion regarding the formation of the Anglican Diocese of the Mid-South. Over the past several months, the clergy and lay leaders of the congregations in this region have worked and prayed faithfully together as they have discerned the best structure for mission and ministry in the years ahead. I am grateful for the thoughtful, prayerful, and collaborative spirit that has marked this process.

Should your congregation, along with the others in the region, choose to affirm the motion to join the new Diocese of the Mid-South upon its formation and approval by the Provincial Council in June 2026, please know that you will do so with my full blessing. The clergy and parishes of this region have contributed richly to the life and witness of the Anglican Diocese of the South, and while transitions such as these can bring mixed emotions, I believe this step offers a significant opportunity for strengthened mission, local collaboration, and long-term health for your congregations.

As you gather for your Annual Meeting, I ask that you approach this vote with prayer, mutual respect, and a shared desire to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. It is my earnest hope that this transition will be marked by unity, peace, and a deep sense of God's provision.

Please know of my continued prayers for each of you, for your clergy, and for your parish's leadership. May the Lord bless you and keep you as you seek His will and step faithfully into the next chapter of ministry together.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

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