

Solidarity from the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Our prayers and thoughts are with you in this very sad moment in your lives.

We give thanks to God for the loyalty and dedication how you have taken the Gospel. Even among the radicalism of some leaders who feel they are owners of truth, do you insist on saying that the Church should be inclusive and open to all people.

Do not feel alone. Receive the comfort and spiritual support from our Province of Brazil. We also know what is losing two thirds of a diocese for those who are concerned more with the letter than with the life. The schism of Recife, in 2004, was an example of how also we suffered losses.

We express our deepest solidarity with the TEC and also with you for remaining loyal to the Anglican tradition. Here in Brazil we offer our supportive thoughts and prayers for you, for Presiding Bishop Katharine and for all those who believe that the Gospel is love, not religion.

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