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Archbishop's Statement on The Abuja Affirmation, Nigeria, 2026

I have been enormously encouraged by the breadth and vitality of global Anglicanism displayed at the 'G26' meeting in Abuja Nigeria and I wholeheartedly welcome the shared commitment of majority-world Anglican provinces to accept the stewardship of the Anglican Communion.

The Abuja Affirmation charts a path forward for global Anglicans faithful to the Lord and his mission and committed to the primacy, sufficiency and trustworthiness of God's word.

Recognising that our existing structures have failed to uphold Anglican doctrine and discipline, the task of re-ordering the Communion around the Scriptures, begun in Jerusalem in 2008, continues with the formation of the Global Anglican Council.

True to our history, the Council brings together every part of the Church - clergy and laity alongside bishops and senior advisors. We share this stewardship, and we go forward together in prayerful dependence on the Lord.

The Global Anglican Communion is determined to focus on the building of Christ's church, rather than managing cultural capitulation or accommodating unbiblical beliefs.

I invite all Anglicans, in our own diocese and across the world, to reflect on the landmark Abuja Affirmation, produced by delegates through the collaborative process that has long characterised Gafcon gatherings.

As the statement declares: "At Abuja, we rejoiced in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ - the good news that God, in his great love for sinners, gave his Son so that, through his death and resurrection, sinners might be forgiven and adopted through the Spirit and live as God's beloved children forever. Without this gospel, the Church dies."

This gospel is our precious and powerful message, our task for the future, and our one hope.

Archbishop Kanishka Raffel
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