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The Most Reverend Onesphore Rwaje  
Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church of Rwanda  
Bishop of Gasabo  
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Kigali, Rwanda

Your Grace:

I write to you this day sending along the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

In addition to the personal concerns I expressed to you in my response to the recent letter of November 30 from the House of Bishops, to which this second letter is attached, the correspondence lacks the canonical due process that would make it possible to resolve some of the matters expressed therein, thus leaving me without any possibility of appropriate defense and advocacy on my behalf.

Your Grace as you know, *there is no covenant* from the Anglican Mission to the Province of the Anglican Church of Rwanda, nor is there a Canonical Mandate for the Erection of a Missionary Jurisdiction from the Province of Rwanda for the Anglican Mission by title. Since the inception of the Anglican Mission, there have been only the following identified and mutually agreed upon "structures" in which both organizations have functioned:

- a) The personal relationship of Primate to His Vicar; and
- b) The voluntary submission to the Canons and Constitution of Rwanda by the Anglican Mission and its clergy *as renewed annually at each year's AMiA Winter Conference in the renewal of ordination vows.*

Upon study of our Provincial Canons and Constitution, I must note that the **Canon Law of this Province does not make provision for a canonical process for bishops other than diocesans to resign** (*Title III, Canon 23, Sections 7, 8, 9*).

Having consulted canonical experts regarding this deficiency, despite this lack of provision in our Provincial Canons, I, Charles Hurt Murphy, III after prayerful discernment regretfully resign as a Primatial Vicar of the Province of Rwanda as established in *Title I Canon 6, Section 8*.

Respectfully, and in His Name,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles H. Murphy, III", with a small cross symbol to the left.

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Bishop and Chairman: Anglican Mission in the Americas

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Furthermore, I, Charles Hurt Murphy, III, along with the undersigned bishops, after prayerful discernment, submit to the Primate of Rwanda that we:

1. will no longer continue our membership in the House of Bishops through the voluntary submission to the Canons and Constitution of the Province of Rwanda ( cf. *Title III Canon 27-Of Declarations Covenants, Subscriptions and Licenses*) that we renew annually effective Monday , December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011
2. in turn will no longer operate in accord with the Canonical Charter of the Anglican Mission effective on that date.

In not renewing our voluntary submission to the Canons and Constitution of Rwanda, we recognize that we remain bishops of the Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church in good standing there is no discipline pending as implied in *Title IV, Canon 24, Section 2*.

Your Grace, there will be parishes and clergy who wish to continue in a Missional relationship with the Province of Rwanda. We ask that Pastoral and Canonical Provisions be made for them to continue in that relationship in whatever ecclesiastical entity or jurisdiction that you and the House of Bishops establish in accord with *Title I, Canon 6, Sections 1,2,3 and Canon 8, Section 1*.

We in the Anglican Mission will be ever grateful for the ministry and blessing we have received from the Province of Rwanda and we look forward to future warm relations in our next missionary journey.

Yours in Christ,



The Rt. Rev. Charles H. Murphy, III  
Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Alexander Greene  
Bishop

The Rt. Rev Todd Hunter  
Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Thomas W. Johnston, Jr.  
Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Philip Jones  
Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Doc Loomis  
Bishop

The Rt. Rev. John Miller  
Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Silas Ng  
Bishop

The Rt. Rev. John Rodgers (retired)  
Bishop

cc: AMiA Bishops  
PEAR Bishops