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Dear Bishop Thompson,

Please accept my resignation effective August 31. I regret the short notice necessitated by the present emergency. Thank you for the witness of your "no" vote on the consent for the bishop coadjutor-elect of NH. On the overall issues before us, however, I cannot continue in good faith as an employee of the diocese, accepting the actions of the 74<sup>th</sup> General Convention in the manner indicated by your pastoral letter of last week. Unity cannot be achieved with those who have removed themselves from submission to the authority of scripture. I cannot pretend that sin is not-sin. I repudiate without qualification the actions of General Convention in giving consent to the election of the bishop coadjutor of New Hampshire and passing resolution C051, *Blessing of Committed Same-Gender Relationships*.

I have no intention of leaving the Episcopal Church, my congregation, or other positions to which I have been elected or appointed. I will focus my energies on the primary work to which I have been called, to continue to lead other orthodox persons in our diocese as part of the American Anglican Council, and to organize Alpha Conferences in our region, as one of the best tools for spreading the Gospel to the un-churched and the un-converted.

During the remainder of the month I will continue to do my job, sort out diocesan business from personal affairs, and transfer such materials, information and passwords for web site, email system, and other resources to Patty Hassel and Richelle Thompson at the Diocese. Recognizing the short notice, I agree to assist, at no additional compensation, to help transition the electronic communications media to other persons you may designate beyond the date of August 31. I will also perform limited emergency maintenance on the diocesan web site and email system after August 31, upon request, until such reasonable time as my replacement has been acquired.

I also give free and clear to the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio the computer in the corner of the Communications office that serves as the broadcast email server.

In His service,

Cc: Kenneth Price, Jim Hanisian, Patty Hassel, Richelle Thompson