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Scott S. Harris, Clerk Supreme Court of the United States One First Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20543

## Re: The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Carolina, et al., v. The Episcopal Church, et al., No. 17-1136

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am co-counsel for respondent The Episcopal Church in this case.

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on February 9, 2018, and placed on the docket on February 13, 2018. The Court called for a response to the petition on February 27, 2018. The response is due on March 29, 2018, and that deadline has not previously been extended.

Respondents have received notice that one or more amici intend to file in support of the petition. We therefore respectfully request that the Court extend the time to file a response to the petition, to and including April 30, 2018 (a Monday), for all respondents. The additional time is warranted to permit respondents to address the arguments of amici and to accommodate other professional obligations of respondents' counsel.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

s/William M. Jay

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cc: Counsel of Record