



Friday September 8, 2017

### **College of Bishops**

The ACNA College of Bishops met in conclave to pray, worship, discuss and listen to each other and consider what position (if any) we might make concerning the ordination of women as presbyters.

[The bishops agreed unanimously to a statement which is available at this link.](#)

Please read the statement, pray for the Church and especially for any who may find the conclusions of the bishops difficult.

Earlier this year at our diocesan synod, I outlined the position of Bishop Bena and myself on women in holy orders. I stated that as a complementarian, I believe that the extraordinary gifts and ministry of women in the Church must be called forth, commissioned and valued in our diocese and in each of our congregations. I continue to believe that complementarianism is the most accurate and simple reading of the Bible surrounding the issue of women in ordained leadership in the church.

The Rt. Rev. Julian M. Dobbs  
Bishop