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STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP TERRENCE O. BUCKLE
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in response to

REPORT ON THE DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER

of the

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY'S PANEL OF REFERENCE FOR THE ANGLICAN
COMMUNION

October 20, 2006

I join our Primate, Archbishop Andrew Hutchinson in saying thank you to the Panel of Reference for care, diligence and clarity in the report published October 13, 2006.

That report includes recommendations for temporary pastoral care and for Episcopal oversight pending resolution of underlying issues.

One specific recommendation is that a bishop be appointed from the list maintained by the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon.

As Metropolitan of the Province of British Columbia and Yukon I will respond willing and fully to any request for assistance in implementing the recommendations of the Panel of Reference in concert with the Parishes concerned, the Bishop of New Westminster and the Provincial House of Bishops.

In the next weeks and months in our ecclesiastical province some among us may be responding to the report of the Panel of Reference. All of us in our ecclesiastical province have the unique opportunity to work towards reconciliation and healing "that the world may believe." I ask all within our province to pray for those who may be taking leadership roles in this work. And I ask all within our province to consider prayerfully the contribution each of us can make to this work we all share.

Yours in His service,

The Most Rev. T.O. Buckle
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