

**IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA**

RECORD NO. 09-0683

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

Appellant,

v.

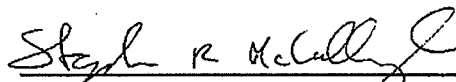
TRURO CHURCH, *et al.*,

Appellees.

CONSENT TO AMICUS FILINGS

Counsel for the Commonwealth of Virginia, pursuant to Rule 5:30 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, hereby consents to the filing of briefs *amicus curiae* by (1) The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia and (2) The General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist Church, Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ("PCUSA"), the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ("ELCA"), the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, The African Methodist Episcopal Zion

Church, The African Methodist Episcopal Church, The Rt. Rev. Charlene Kammerer and W. Clark Williams (Bishop and Chancellor, respectively, of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church), The Rev. Dr. G. Wilson Gunn, Jr. (General Presbyter, National Capital Presbytery, PCUSA), Elder Donald F. Bickhart (Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, PCUSA), the Virginia Synod of the ELCA, the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod of the ELCA, the Virginia District Board—Church of the Brethren, Inc., and the Mid-Atlantic II Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.



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