

**Lisa Stepton-Howard v Metropolitan N.Y. Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Am.**

Motion No: 2026-02880

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Decided on June 18, 2026

Appellate Division, First Department, Motion Decision

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Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division, First Judicial Department

Present – Hon. Troy K. Webber,
David Friedman
Manuel J. Mendez
John R. Higgitt
Shlomo S. Hagler,

Justice Presiding,

Justices.

Lisa Stepton-Howard,
Plaintiff-Respondent,

-against-

Motion No. **2026-02880**
Index No. 950535/21
Case No. 2025-04227

Metropolitan New York Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in American,
also known as Metropolitan New York
Synod,
Defendant-Appellant,

Pastor John Doe, and John Does 1 through 5,
Defendants.

An appeal having been taken to this Court from an order of the Supreme Court, New York County, entered on or about June 04, 2025, and said appeal having been perfected,

And defendant-appellant having moved for a stay of all proceedings pending hearing and determination of the aforesaid appeal,

Now, upon reading and filing the papers with respect to the motion, and due deliberation having been had thereon,

It is ordered that the motion is granted.

ENTERED: June 18, 2026



Susanna Molina Rojas
Clerk of the Court