



ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN NORTH AMERICA

SJAFC Timeline of Events

September 22, 2025

TIMELINE

- In **July, 2025**, the Safeguarding Office, based on multiple allegations of ecclesiastical abuse of power (deemed to be credible) against Bishop Jones, recommended to the Archbishop that a Godly Admonition be given to Bishop Derek Jones, accompanied by an Inhibition if necessary, and that an investigation into the credible complaints be initiated.
 - These complaints were reviewed by the prior and current provincial safeguarding reports receiver, the Archbishop
 - Three senior diocesan bishops (senior by date of admission to the College of Bishops) also reviewed the complaints, which is necessary for the Archbishop to issue a Godly Admonition.
 - None of the complaints pertain to physical or sexual abuse.
 - None of the complaints refer to doctrinal concerns.
 - Bishop Jones has not been formally presented for anything at this time.
 - The complaints were deemed credible enough to merit further investigation.
- Based on these complaints, **on September 12** the Archbishop, along with Dean of the Province and Presiding Bishop of the REC, Bishop Ray Sutton, met virtually with Bishop Jones and issued him a Godly Admonition. The Godly Admonition directed Bishop Jones to take, or refrain from taking, certain actions to ensure the integrity of an investigation into the validity of the complaints to determine if they rose to the level of a presentable offence.
- **On September 18**, SJAFC Chancellor Job Serebrov sent an email to all SJAFC chaplains instructing them not to comply with the Archbishop or provincial staff or any investigator and to withhold all records and documents related to any investigation.
- **On September 21 at 5pm EST** Bishop Jones refused to join a Microsoft Teams call with the Archbishop and the Dean of the Province as instructed by Archbishop Wood. In the absence of Bishop Jones's attendance at that meeting, Archbishop

Wood sent an email notification to Bishop Jones and his Chancellors to temporarily inhibit Bishop Jones from ministry for 60 days. This Inhibition was signed by four of the five senior diocesan bishops (determined by date of admission to the College of Bishops) necessary for the Archbishop to issue an Inhibition.

- **On September 22** the Chair of the SJ AFC Executive Committee sent a message to Archbishop Wood and Chancellor Bill Nelson indicating the Jurisdiction was withdrawing from the ACNA pursuant to Article II.3 of the ACNA Constitution.

Also on September 22, the College of Bishops convened virtually **at 5pm EST** to address some of the immediate canonical concerns raised by this letter of withdrawal and under the authority of the canons nominated Bishop Jay Cayangyang to serve as the new bishop of the SJ AFC. The College will vote to elect a new bishop to the SJ AFC in the coming days (TBD) to allow its members appropriate time for prayer and deliberation.