

**FOR RELEASE**

July 8, 2026

**In the Matter of The Rt. Rev. Derek Jones  
(Bishop, Special Jurisdiction for the Armed Forces and Chaplaincy)**

**PROCEDURAL UPDATE**

The Court for the Trial of a Bishop served the Summons and Presentment upon Bishop Derek Jones on April 24, 2026, which set the deadline for Bishop Jones to file an Answer on May 25, 2026, because May 24 was a Sunday. No Answer has been received from Bishop Jones as of the date of this Release.

The Court for the Trial of a Bishop received a Motion for Summary Judgment from the Provincial Prosecutor in this matter on July 7, 2026. As more than thirty days have elapsed since the deadline for Bishop Jones to file an Answer, the Motion for Summary Judgment is timely under the Rules of this Court.

Once the Motion for Summary Judgment has been served upon Bishop Jones in accordance with the Rules of this Court, the Court will set a date for a hearing on the Motion for Summary Judgment and shall release that information to the public.

/s/ +Ryan Reed

The Right Reverend Ryan Reed  
President, Court for the Trial of a Bishop

/s/ Katherine R. Grosskopf

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