

**Anglican Communion Alliance Statement on the Termination of the Rev. Jake Worley's Employment**

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In the wake of Archbishop John Privett's termination without cause of the Rev. Jake Worley's employment as a priest in the Diocese of Caledonia, we are deeply concerned both for the wellbeing of Worley and his family, and for the rebuilding of trust within that diocese. Last May, many Canadian Anglicans were dismayed by the sloppy procedural path that led to the Provincial HOB's majority decision rejecting Caledonia's choice of Worley for bishop. It was Worley himself who asked how he could be acceptable as a priest but not a bishop, given what were regarded as his grave violations. The answer given was that he was a priest in good standing, with the implication that his place in his parish was secure. This standing has not been revoked and so Worley and others have expressed shock at last week's firing in the interim between local diocesan bishops. Questions are being raised about the motivations behind this move, and whether or not other traditionally-minded clergy can count on fair treatment. While the Diocese has released a statement, our hope is that the Archbishop will be able to bring more clarity to this situation. In the meantime, we continue to keep the Worley family, the Archbishop and the Diocese of Caledonia in our prayers.