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The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth

The Rt. Rev. Ryan S. Reed, Bishop

For immediate release:

State Supreme Court rejects TEC loyalists' bid to keep property

In a brief notice issued this morning, the Supreme Court of Texas rejected a motion to stay (suspend) an order issued in April 2021 for the return of items removed from chuch properties and funds belonging to those congregations. At the same time, it denied an accompanying Petition to overturn the order.

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RE: Case No. 21-0796 DATE: 9/21/2021
COA #: 02-21-00118-CV TC#: 141-252083-11
STYLE: IN RE ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH (FORT WORTH)

Today the Supreme Court of Texas denied Relator's Motion for Emergency Temporary Relief, as supplemented, and denied the petition for writ of mandamus in the above-referenced case.

With the ruling by the Texas Supreme Court today, the Plaintiffs now must surrender all property, records, and financial accounts that they removed from the properties they formerly occupied.

Today's rejection is the third loss for Episcopal Church parties in the state Supreme Court and permits enforcement of the judgment to continue.

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