

The Diocese of The Arctic ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA



May 16, 2017

Dear Archbishop Privett, Bishops Andrews, McMenamie, Robertson and Skelton,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As the chief Ministers of Reconciliation and Apostle's of Grace, I implore you to reverse your decision of objection to the episcopal election of the Rev. Jacob Worley in the Diocese of Caledonia.

The Diocese Of Caledonia prayerfully gathered at their electoral Synod. They elected the Rev. Jacob Worley to be their bishop. Your opposition is ungracious and calls our church's credibility into question.

I implore you, please reconsider and do not create further turmoil within our Anglican Church of Canada. Should you reconsider, your gracious action of reversing your decision could be a step towards healing, to an already far too fractured church.

Your determination to move forward with your decision may be seen very differently. It could be seen as if there is a bit of hypocrisy to say that your objection is registered under Canon 4 (b) vi "That he or she teaches or holds or within five years previously taught or held anything contrary to the Doctrine or Discipline of the Anglican Church of Canada."... when the majority of the Anglican Communion is questioning your provinces actions in regard to Doctrine and Discipline.

Dear Bishops, It could be seen as if the province that created schism within the Anglican Communion, seeks to undermine the election of the Rev. Jacob Worley to be the future bishop of Caledonia. It could be seen that your intent is to further silence the conservative voice. It could seem as if the mask of civility and tolerance has been removed.

Dear Bishops, the Rev. Jacob Worley has been welcomed and received by the Diocese of Caledonia, by the Archbishop of British Columbia & Yukon and by our Anglican Church of Canada, to be a priest in good standing within our denomination. The 2016 General Synod's credentials committee endorsed and declared the Rev. Jacob Worley, to be a priest in good standing and allowed the Rev. Jacob Worley to vote as a priest of the Anglican Church of Canada during General Synod.

Dear Bishops, your decision to reject the Rev. Jacob Worley's integrity and credibility, seems like bullying. As our Primate inferred at the Holy Table of General Synodthe bullying must stop. Let's join our Primate's call to stop bulling and return to our baptismal ministry of resisting sin, the world and the devil by offering everyone the grace that we ourselves have received from Jesus.

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

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Bishop of the Arctic

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