

Can Bp Iker take the diocese with him?

That depends to some degree on Texas courts. Church canons say he cannot; he claims differently and has set in motion steps to remove the diocese and its real estate from the ownership (in trust) of The Episcopal Church

What is The Southern Cone?

The Province of the Southern Cone is a small province that serves mostly English-speaking Anglicans in South America. It has a population of about 22,000 communicants spread thinly over seven dioceses in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.

What will happen to my church building?

Again, that may soon depend on Texas courts. Episcopal Church canons say the property is held in trust for the whole Episcopal Church.

What about mission congregations?

That can't be answered until our convention votes the second time to leave The Episcopal Church. In any arrangement, their relation to the diocesan structure likely remains the same.

Who will be my priest if the one at my church now goes with Bp. Iker?

FW Via Media, North Texans Remain Episcopal, and others in the diocese are at work now to identify people who will need priestly ministry if and when there really is a split. The national church also will assist in providing priests for remaining Episcopalians.

If we stay in The Episcopal Church, will we be forced to have a woman priest? A gay priest?

Other resources

Absolutely not. Parishes elect rectors. Bishops are not forced to accept anyone. The Episcopal Church can be forced to ordain anyone, male, female, or gay, but it is not required to do so.

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