

Statement on the TN House Expulsions
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Tennessee Representatives Justin Jones and Justin Pearson, serve the constituents of their legislative districts that include members of the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Since being elected, they have worked tirelessly to support their constituents during these challenging times.

As elected officials, Jones and Pearson are guided by their faith to love and serve others. The Bible teaches us that "faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead" (James 2:17). These representatives have taken this message to heart and have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of those they represent advocating for policies that promote access to healthcare and public safety.

Jones' and Pearson's dedication to service is also reflected in the words of Jesus, who said, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave" (Matthew 20:26-27). Jones and Pearson have exemplified this servant leadership by putting the needs of their constituents first and advocating for policies that benefit all members of their communities. Their work is also rooted in the call to seek justice for all people, as the prophet Micah tells us,

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

Jones and Pearson have demonstrated their commitment to justice by advocating for policies that promote equality and fairness, and by working to create a more just society for all. In addition to their work in the legislature, both representatives have been active in their communities, volunteering for various organizations and events. Their dedication and commitment to serving others have earned them the respect and admiration of their constituents.

We the members of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, recognize that Jones and Pearson are guided by their faith to serve others and make a positive impact in their communities. Their work reflects the values of compassion, justice, and service that are central to the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

The South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists commends Representatives Jones and Pearson and their efforts to make Tennessee a better place for all its residents. We stand with them in their commitment to serving others and making a positive impact in our communities. As the writing of this statement, Nashville Metro Council has voted to reinstate Representative Justin Jones back to his position representing District 52 of the Tennessee House of Representatives.

South Central Conference headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee serves as the regional office of the Seventh-day Adventist church serving Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and counties of the state of Florida west of the Apalachicola River. South Central comprises more than 28,000 members in 149 congregations and is one of the eight conferences located in the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.