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Texas May Resume Executions After Longest Hiatus in 40 Years Christian Leaders to Pray at Governor's Mansion

Austin, TX - Concerns about the possible resumption of executions after more than nine months without a state execution have several evangelical Christian leaders traveling to Texas to deliver thousands of petition signatures and to lead prayers calling on Texas Governor Abbott to halt the scheduled killing of Quintin Jones. Jones, whose case has caught the attention of celebrities and numerous organizations, is scheduled to be killed in the Texas death chamber at the Walls Unit in Huntsville at 6pm CDT tomorrow, Wednesday, May 19, 2021. If the execution takes place, it will be the first state execution in the country since July 2020.

The situation is not entirely in Governor Abbott's hands. The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles has delayed its decision in the case and is expected to issue its determination today, May 18, 2021. Governor Abbott does not have the power to grant clemency without first receiving a recommendation to do so from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, whose members are appointed by the Governor. The governor does have the unilateral power to grant a one-time reprieve. This situation is fluid and an update will be sent once a decision is announced.

What: Prayerful vigil and petition delivery

Who: Rev. Doug Pagitt (Vote Common Good), Shane Claiborne (Red Letter Christians), Rodrick Reed (Brother of innocent Texas death row prisoner Rodney Reed unrelated to the Quintin Jones case), Abraham Bonowitz (Death Penalty Action) and local Texas supporters.

When: May 18, 2021 at 5pm CDT

Where: Official Residence / Texas Governor's Mansion - 1010 Colorado St, Austin, TX 7870

In the event that the execution is not halted, there will be protest activities outside the TDCJ Walls Unit in Huntsville, Texas starting at 5pm CDT on Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

Speakers can be made available for comment. Please contact Rev. Brandi Slaughter
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