

Justice Centre Represents Alberta, Canada Pastor Who Is In Jail for Peaceful, Religious Assembly

Kenney's Alberta: Where a Pastor is in jail for refusing to stop holding church

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The [Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms](#) has [asked Alberta Premier Jason Kenney](#) to rescind the health orders of the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Deena Hinshaw, which unfairly discriminate as between restaurants and houses of worship.

The Justice Centre's [letter](#) concerns Edmonton-area pastor James Coates, who is currently in jail for exercising his *Charter* freedoms of conscience, religion, association and peaceful assembly.

The [Justice Centre](#) is representing Grace Life Church (Grace Life), a large church near Edmonton, and its pastor James Coates. Alberta Health Services (AHS) has ticketed Pastor Coates, taken Grace Life and Pastor Coates to court, and even attempted to completely shut the Church down. Background information on Pastor Coates' ordeal is [available](#) here. Pastor Coates was arrested and placed in jail on February 16, 2021, after the Pastor refused to agree to conditions that he stop attending and holding church services as normal.

The Justice Centre is appealing this imprisonment of an Alberta pastor to the Court of Queen's Bench.

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