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WORLD news

UNITED KINGDOM

The gay man appointed bishop of the Church of England's Reading diocese withdrew his acceptance of the job July 6 following a huge, weeks-long row that threatened to destroy the worldwide Anglican Communion, which includes the Episcopal Church in the United States.



Jeffrey John

Canon Jeffrey John has lived with a partner for 27 years but claims they no longer have sex. That was too much for church conservatives in Britain and several developing nations who threatened that the Anglican Communion would split apart if his appointment was allowed to stand.

In stepping down, John said his consecration would cause too much damage to church unity. Anglican conservatives still are reeling over the selection of an openly gay bishop in New Hampshire and over the bishop of Vancouver, British Columbia's recent decision to offer church gay union ceremonies.

High-profile British gay activist Peter Tatchell continued his campaign against the Anglican Archbishop of York, David Hope, July 11 by affixing a declaration to the door of York Minster cathedral during the Church of England's General Synod.

It said: "Archbishop David Hope, Tell the Truth! Come Out!"

"I urge the Archbishop of York to follow Canon Jeffrey John's shining example of honesty and integrity by coming out and bearing true witness to the contribution made by gay people to the church and society," Tatchell said.

"Given the current homophobic witch hunt within the Anglican Communion, David Hope's candor and courage would be a powerful challenge to the voices of prejudice and intolerance.... I have been told by people who know David Hope that he has had gay relationships in the past."

John recently was appointed bishop of the Church of England's Reading diocese but was forced to withdraw before he was installed

following a huge outcry from conservatives in England and the developing world. They were horrified that he is openly gay and lives with a partner, although he has said they no longer have sex. The conservatives threatened that the Anglican Communion would break apart if John was allowed to take the job.

Hope previously has described his sexuality as "a gray area" and said he seeks to lead a "single, celibate life."

On July 12, Tatchell and other members of the gay direct-action group OutRage! invaded and halted the General Synod. The synod chair ordered speakers and delegates to leave the hall and turned off the microphones and lights.

Half of the delegates walked out, but the rest

stayed and listened to the activists speak for 30 minutes. Among those who remained were Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, who is the head of the Anglican Communion; Hope; and five other bishops.

"We are here because this synod is refusing to discuss the persecution of Canon Jeffrey John and the broader issue of homosexual human rights," Tatchell said. "When you slam the door in our face, we have no alternative but to protest against a church that is blind to reason and deaf to compassion."

"The Anglican Communion is the moral equivalent of the Dutch Reform Church in South Africa during the apartheid era," Tatchell charged. "It uses theology to justify prejudice and discrimination."

A July 11 vote on sex education in Britain's House of Lords had the effect of repealing the notorious Section 28, a law that prohibited local governments from promoting homosexuality and prohibited schools from teaching that homosexuality is acceptable.

The House of Commons had voted to overturn the law in March. The section was repealed in Scotland three years ago.

Enacted by the Tory government in 1988, the section stated: "A local authority shall not (a) intentionally promote homosexuality or publish material with the intention of promoting homosexuality; (b) promote the teaching in any maintained school of the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship."

VENEZUELA

About 2,000 people marched in Caracas' third Gay Pride parade June 29 led by Pride Queen Mariluchi, who rode in a yellow convertible and carried a pink poodle.

The march ended at Museum Plaza with speeches and artistic performances. The city government provided the stage and sound equipment.

Activists unveiled a new Pride flag that won a contest carried out in gay bars and on the Web. It combines the red, blue and yellow Venezuelan flag with the gay rainbow flag.

CANADA

Several hundred people marched July 12 during the fourth Gay Pride parade in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, *The Journal-Pioneer* reported. "Spectators witnessed a sea of rainbow flags...a fire

breather, drag queens and a participant wearing a wedding gown," the paper said.

Politicians from Canada's three major parties spoke during a post-parade rally at Confederation Landing. "By respecting the diversity of our communities and our people, we create a stronger and healthier society for all of us to enjoy," said P.E.I. Attorney General Jeff Lantz of the Progressive Conservative party.

Liberal MP Shawn Murphy added: "I want to say how proud I am that the government of Canada is a sponsor of this event. I'd like to see it repeated next year."

P.E.I. New Democrats Leader Gary Robichaud said, "Recently, with the Ontario court decision to uphold same-sex marriage, we



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