

THE APPEAL OF JOHN BUNYAN

a free-of-charge public event as part of the 9th triennial conference of the International John Bunyan Society

TIME AND PLACE: Thursday, August 15, 2019, 7-9 p.m. Anglican Parish of Christ Church, 12116 102 Ave., Edmonton

John Bunyan (1628-88) wrote the *Pilgrim's Progress*, one of the most read and translated works in English literature. Before publishing this classic, Bunyan spent twelve years in Bedford Jail for dissenting from laws requiring religious conformity. Could this happen today? What does the past teach us about law, literature, church, and state? We will explore Bunyan's trial in three stages: i. a dramatic presentation based on his writings; ii. an appeal of his conviction argued by lawyers before a panel of Alberta judges; iii. audience questions and discussion with insights from international scholars.



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Please note: we anticipate a conversation respectful of all religions and faith traditions