



## Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

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*"Our Mission is to welcome all people to know and live as Christ in the world"*

September 22, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

By now you may have learned that Father William Stomski has decided to take leave of his position as Dean and Rector of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. As your Wardens and Vestry, we are deeply appreciative of Father William, as he has led us through successful years of ministry, meeting challenges along the way while we grew in vision and mission. Perhaps the best example of this is celebrating our return to a beautifully renovated sanctuary that shines with hope and promise for Trinity's future.

Father William will be on vacation and out of the office beginning on October 18 and then on sabbatical leave after November 1. Except for celebrating a single baptismal service at 11:00 on November 7 and celebrating his last Eucharist with us at the 11:00 service on November 14, he will not be participating in Cathedral life after November 1. His pastorate with Trinity will officially end on January 31, 2022. We look forward to honoring Father William at a special event later this year.

The Reverend Catherine Gregg, our diocesan Canon to the Ordinary, will guide us through this time of change. On Sunday, November 21, she will preach at both the 9:00 and the 11:00 services as well as be available to answer any questions you may have.

All of us will certainly miss Father William and his husband, Ernie Westbrook. As we begin saying our goodbyes over the next days and weeks, we recognize any period of transition brings feelings of uncertainty and ambiguity. We are taking steps to ensure that the mission and ministries of Trinity continue as seamlessly as possible. For example, we are identifying available supply priests to supplement the work of the Reverend Ruth Hanusa, our Canon for Parish Life, so that our services and pastoral care continue after November 1 with no interruption. The Vestry has engaged HolyCow! Consulting for follow-on work related to the recent parish-wide survey; this should be completed in November and help immeasurably as we look to the future. With respect to an interim rector, we anticipate the Diocese will provide a slate of candidates from which we can choose by February. Work on searching for and calling the next Dean and Rector will begin after that. We will keep the Cathedral community informed as events develop.

Many of our strengths come from the efforts of dedicated members who work tirelessly to sustain our ministries and programs, and we are most grateful for this support. We ask that you keep Father William in your prayers as he discerns how God next wants him to put his gifts to use; that

you keep your Wardens and Vestry in your prayers as we lead through this period of transition; and that you keep Trinity parishioners and staff in your prayers as we move into the days ahead.

Faithfully yours,

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Vestry

Jim Lamb, Senior Warden

Terry Cain, Junior Warden

Cleta Dillard, Secretary

Howard Bennett

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