

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I am writing to advise that I am leaving St John's as your interim. I will be celebrating my final services with you on August 17, 2025. Andrew and I have been called to the northern part of the Diocese to serve as rectors of neighboring parishes. As such, we will be moving at the end of August, allowing the kids to start school in the new district in September.

This goodbye is coming earlier than expected, as you have not yet called the next rector of St John's. However, this opportunity presented itself by the grace of God and it is a chance for the both of us to be serving near one another, in full-time calls, and there are many benefits for our kids as well.

I have loved you all and been honored to walk beside you for this time in your lives. I believe God has great things in store for St John's and that whoever you call as your next rector will be a blessing to the congregation. During my time here, we have together dreamed, imagined, and prayed, continuing the work that God and this community began 300 years ago. The work that St John's Salem is being called to do, here and now, continues under the good care of Joey Longo, Sr. Warden, Bill Ronn, Jr. Warden, and the vestry members, as well as Bishop French and the Diocese of New Jersey.

I will return from vacation as scheduled on July 16 and look forward to my last weeks with you all. If you would like to discuss further or arrange a visit, please do not hesitate to be in touch, and I will do my best to accommodate you.

I will keep you all in my prayers, and I hope you will keep me in yours as well.

Yours in the Spirit,

Mother Kim