



Dear saints,

Life is full of transitions and we know this well in the church because lay and clergy leaders move for various reasons. We had four clergy leaders leave this summer to take new cures in other parts of the church. While this was sad, we are also delighted to bless the larger church and to welcome clergy leaders to take their place in new cures among us.

We rejoice in a fountain of Induction ceremonies as we seat Rectors to affirm and bless the discerned community visions with their lay leaders! They are:



1. Rev. Dr. Michael Laver, Rector of St. John's, Sodus (September 7, 2019)



2. Rev. Gretchen Ratterree, Rector of St. Mark's, Newark (September 14, 2019)



3. Very Rev. Ken Pepin, Rector of St. Luke's, Fairport (October 9, 2019)



4. Rev. Ginny Mazzarella, Rector of Zion, Avon (October 16, 2019)



5. Rev. Nita Byrd, Chaplain, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Geneva (October 26, 2019)



6. Rev. Canon Johnnie, Rector of Grace, Scottsville/St. Andrew's Caledonia (TBD)



We have great joy in announcing that Rev. Padraic Collins-Bohrer has accepted the call to be Chaplain at Heritage Christian Service as of September 9, 2019!



We are happy to announce that Rev. Dr. Ron Young has accepted the call to be Priest-in-Charge at Christ Church in Pittsford as of September 1, 2019!

We are also overjoyed to announce two upcoming Ordinations to the Priesthood



Rev. Dr. Melanie Duguid-May will be Ordained on October 4, 2019, at 6 PM at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Bath.



Rev. Elizabeth Harden will be Ordained on November 2, at 11 AM at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Brockport. This will be unique in that we will welcome my friend, Rt. Rev. Scott Hayashi, Diocesan of Utah to our diocese as her Ordaining Bishop. We will do a liturgical dance--mostly moving diagonally--to mark this Ordination.

Further, I am grateful for the services of District Deans whose terms come to an end at the 88th Diocesan Convention. They are:

Very Rev. Dean Lynne Sharp (Southeast District) Dean



Very Rev. Dean Ruth Ferguson (Rochester District)



Very Rev. Billy Daniel (Southwest District) (*will become the Diocesan Dean for Liturgy and Formation on October 1, 2019*)



I have appointed the following District Deans:



Very Rev. David Hefling (Northeast District)



Very Rev. Ken Pepin (Monroe District)



Very Rev. Ginny Mazarella (Southwest)



Reverend Deacon Andrea Stridiron is now the Diocesan Deacon Coordinator, working to enrich the community of Deacons and communicate regularly with the Bishop to ensure efficient and effective fulfillment of their vocation, discernment, and placement with annual reviews.

I commend all these leaders and their communities of support to your prayer as they take their new stations in our common life as resurrected people.

Salaam, Shalom, Shanti, Samadhanam, Peace!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. L. S." followed by a stylized flourish.

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