



## Looking Out My Window, July 1, 2022

The search process for a new rector involves so many uncertainties. We seem to encounter unanswered questions weekly. One of those has been around my time with you. How long will I be here?

My commitment to the vestry was to be with you as your interim until 30 days before your new rector arrives. That often evokes another question, “Why 30 days?” The answer—the parish does better if we intentionally bring the interim period to a close, say farewell to the interim rector, and turn toward the arrival of the new rector. The vestry will have time to make final repairs and do painting and cosmetic work with the rectory. The entire parish will have a few weeks to learn about the new rector and get excited. And, the new rector can arrive without the interim’s presence dividing your attention.

As your interim, I have a time-specific letter of agreement. Those always have been one-year agreements, renewable if needed. If my tenure stretches beyond September 20th of this year, we will converse in vestry about whether to extend on a month-to-month basis or to create a new letter of agreement for a definite time frame.

Another frequently-asked question, “When will we have a new rector?” The number of variables makes predicting impossible. The search committee is resolved to proceed briskly without rushing. That’s an admirable ambition—be as judicious as possible with the process while not feeling pressed by a certain deadline. That makes for a more mature decision-making process with lowered risk of a less-than-ideal outcome.

Meanwhile, we continue to work on transition tasks and to pursue the ongoing mission of Christ Church. I feel energized about being with you and seeing you through to the next chapter in your community life.

God’s peace,

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