

Good People of Christ the King (CtK):

Like you, I found out on Sunday, February 25th, 2024, that the Search Committee and Vestry at Christ the King Episcopal Church have agreed to call me as their next Rector effective August 1st, 2024. I am honored, thrilled, blessed, and extremely thankful for this call. This is an incredible opportunity for me as a priest and I can't wait to join you as your Rector. I'm also very fortunate to be able to continue to serve as your supply priest until then!

Looking back, my first service as supply priest at CtK was the first Sunday after Christmas, January 2nd, 2022. The congregation was seriously grieving the loss of their Rector, Fr. Stan White+. Since then, and with time, you have changed me as much as I have changed you! I love your spirit, devotion, dedication, and love for justice, social activism, and community belonging.

Your love for one another is so evident and the ways you welcome others into your midst are without equal. As if all of this is not enough, I count myself incredibly blessed to have made a lasting friend in my clergy colleague Deacon Yvette! I believe in my heart that we make a dynamic team working in concert with a very dedicated vestry and an active and inspired music program. Thank you, Deacon Yvette!

The position of Rector at CtK is quarter-time and I will be working with the Deacon and Vestry to see how that time frame can be of most benefit to us all. Please keep me and CtK in your prayers. Pray that your Rector will be a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip them for their ministries (BCP, Prayer 13, p. 818).

In conclusion, let me add a special thanks to the Search Committee and Vestry for the confidence they have placed in me. Wow!

Much love,
Fr. Jim+