



ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear People of St. Timothy's,

After an extensive period of prayerful discernment, it is with mixed feelings that I write to tell you that I have accepted a call to become Priest-in-Charge at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Plainfield. I assure you that this was not an easy decision, but it is time for me to move on to the next steps in God's plan for my life. My last day at St. Timothy's will be Sunday January 30, 2011. I will begin my work at St. Mark's February 1, 2011.

I have grown in my ministry and gifts these past few years and believe the varied ministries at St. Mark's will provide me with new opportunities and challenge me to continue in my growth as a priest. I am excited about this opportunity and truly believe God is calling me to this new place.

While this is an exciting opportunity for me, I am sad to leave you; you have become my friends and my family; you have cared for me, guided me, prayed for me – and I for you. I care for you and this parish very deeply.

This decision is a most difficult one. The difficulty comes not in saying yes to God, but in saying goodbye to all of you.

Since the moment I arrived here you have supported me and lifted me up in my ministry. You gave me the freedom to explore and develop the gifts God bestowed upon me for my ministry. For the past 2 ½ years we have ministered side by side and grown together as priest and friends. We have faced challenges, such as the budget and facility maintenance, we have experienced successes such as the food pantry, growth in Sunday attendance, and the nursery program for the children.

During these past years together, we have shared tears and laughter, grief and hope. We have baptized, confirmed, and buried. We have broken bread, worshipped God, and been nourished. We have lived as faithfully as we were able.

God's blessings have been abundant and you have made this journey so wonderful. I will always be grateful to this congregation for the blessing and privilege of serving as your Vicar. I am extremely pleased and thankful about the work we have done together.

"A caring community of faith, warmly welcoming all people."