

July 1, 2016

Dear Members and Friends of Emmanuel:

On behalf of the Vestry, we are happy to announce that the Rev. Doris C. Westfall has been called to be Interim Rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church beginning September 1, 2016. Doris' first career was as a social worker at St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired where she rose to become Director of Programs and Services. She also served as adjunct assistant professor of field instruction at St. Louis University School of Social Service. She earned her BA in 1981 from Valparaiso University and her Master of Social Work degree from St. Louis University in 1993. Once Doris discerned her call to the ministry, she earned her Master of Divinity degree in 2005 from the University of the South, where she now serves as a trustee.

Doris is an experienced, confident, nurturing priest. She is outgoing and friendly. She is very spiritually grounded and loves to help others grow and develop as Christ's people. She looks forward to sharing in our communal life.

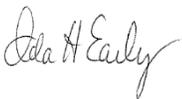
She has served many Episcopal parishes as Interim Rector or long-term supply priest, including Grace Church, Clarksville, MO; St. John's, Eolia, MO; St. Matthew's Church, Mexico, MO; Holy Trinity Church, Sulphur, LA; and St. Luke's, Manchester, MO, where she is currently serving. Additionally, Doris was Pastoral Assistant for Trinity St. Charles, MO; Interim Priest for Episcopal Campus Ministry at Washington University; and Rector at St. Matthew's, Warson Woods. At St. Matthew's, she led the discernment process that resulted in the parish's merger with Grace Episcopal Church in Kirkwood.

Doris will conclude her ministry at St. Luke's on July 31, take the month of August off to refresh and attend to some family matters, and then she will join us at Emmanuel on September 1. In the meantime, we have provided for preaching and pastoral care through our existing clergy during July and August. Our regular Sunday worship schedule will continue: 8:00, 10:00, and 5:30, and you will continue to see familiar clergy faces.

Your Vestry is delighted that we have been able to call Doris to Emmanuel. We are very grateful to the Right Rev. George Wayne Smith, Bishop of Missouri, and the Rev. Canon Joe Chambers, Canon to the Ordinary, for their great help to us through the interim search process. Throughout this interim period, all three will be very important to us as a Vestry and as a parish as we begin the process to discern what is needed in the next Rector for Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Together, we will find ways to capture the parish's thoughts and feelings. A Rector search committee will be appointed by the Vestry at the appropriate time.

In the meantime, please give thanks for the incoming leadership of the Rev. Doris C. Westfall and pray for the patience to be still, to wait, and to listen to the Holy Spirit.

In Christ's love and with thanksgiving,



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