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Dear Member,

We trust you were able to attend one of the July 14 services where The Rev. Dr. Mary Thorpe, Canon to the Ordinary from the Diocese of Virginia, addressed our parish during worship.

The Vestry has chosen to call an Interim Rector to lead us while a Search Committee is formed. We want to welcome The Rev. Bill Queen, who is professionally certified in intentional interim ministry, and who comes to us from St. Paul's, Richmond. Please join us in extending a warm Christian fellowship to Bill, who joins us as of September 1.

Having served in the ordained ministry for 25 years, Bill previously worked in business and has taught in the Osher Institute at the University of Richmond. Bill studied philosophy at Eckerd College, International Business at the Thunderbird School of Global Management, and prepared for ordination at Virginia Theological Seminary. Before St. Paul's, he served as Interim Rector for Trinity Episcopal Church in (Little) Washington, Christ and Grace in Petersburg, and Christ Church, Spotsylvania. He and Lynn Ellen live in Church Hill. She owns Queen and Associates, a leadership development consulting firm. They have three adult children—Thomas, Anna, and Philip—and a Wheaten Terrier, Finn.

As Bill settles in, please be on the lookout for communications about the Search Committee. To include everyone's feedback, we will gather information in multiple ways: through surveys (print and online) and in person (focus groups or listening sessions). Your input is valued, so please respond promptly to these inquiries.

Our website is undergoing some changes this summer so that we can better keep all members of the congregation informed. We will also provide information through bulletin announcements and mailings as needed.

A typical search process for a new Rector takes 12-16 months. During this time, it is critical we remain focused on our mission to be an inclusive, spirited and Christ-centered urban church that transforms lives.

Thank you for your continued support of Grace and Holy Trinity. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on Sunday!

Sincerely,



Darrell Alexander
Senior Warden



Thomas Ewers
Junior Warden