

Dear Christ Church Family,

Living in the Washington, DC area we acknowledge this is a transient city and are accustomed to saying our goodbyes. However some goodbyes are harder than others and this is one of them. We have just learned that Cara has accepted a call to be the next rector at Saint Christopher's in Carmel, Indiana and will be leaving at the end of March.

Transitions in church leadership are a time of both uncertainty and increased awareness of God's presence in our parish life. We are blessed to have remarkable staff and dedicated lay leaders who will help during the transition.

It is natural to wonder what happens now? On behalf of the Executive Committee and your Vestry, I want you to know we are developing a solid transition plan; coordinated with and assisted by the Diocese. It will assure us there is a clergy presence who will maintain and support our programs and ministry. More detailed information will be available soon and we will share it with all of you and work to make this search for a new rector as seamless as possible.

So for the next several weeks, we say a proper good bye, we celebrate, and we give thanks to God for an amazing 8 plus years. We have watched our parish grow during Cara's time with us. She came filled with new energy and fresh ideas. We marked several milestones: a renovated parish hall, new organ and expanded children's ministries . The time has come for her to continue her ministry in a new place. We wish Cara, Michael, Aden, and Riley Godspeed as they begin a new chapter in Indiana. They leave indelible marks on our lives and in our hearts.

As Christ Church Washington Parish marks our 225th Anniversary this year, we welcome the opportunity to call our next Rector . We are on this journey together. With God's love and guidance, we will continue to celebrate and perhaps rediscover what we love about Christ Church.

May God's peace be with each of you,

Anne Curry, Senior Warden