



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I am humbled and honored to have been elected to serve alongside the clergy and people of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas as their Eleventh Bishop Diocesan. This has been a rich and demanding discernment journey of listening to the movement of the Holy Spirit. I am grateful to the many companions and colleagues who have walked with me through this process and I am especially grateful to Bishop Deon for his guidance and support.

Although I look forward to beginning my work in Kansas, I remain committed to the ministry I am called to here until I conclude my time as Canon to the Ordinary for Bishop Deon. As we enter this time of transition together, it truly is bittersweet for me to be leaving you to answer this call. The Diocese of Missouri has raised me up to leadership, has loved and supported me, and has shown me the meaning of faithful discipleship in this day and time.

Know that you are and will remain in my prayers and I ask your prayers for the people of Kansas and for me, that we might serve God together with integrity and faithfulness. Thank you for all that you do and all that you are -- it truly has been a blessing to me to be a part of the work and community of the Diocese of Missouri, and I will miss you very much.

Pax,

The Rev. Canon Whitney Rice
Canon to the Ordinary