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Friends,

I am pleased to announce that I have appointed the Rev Ingrid Andersen to be your new incumbent, beginning January 1, 2022.

Sister Ingrid was ordained to the priesthood in 2005 in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa where she served until 2015. She then accepted a position as priest-in-charge to St Luke's Episcopal Church in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania. She has been a faculty member doing instructional design at the Stevenson School for Ministry, chair of the Diocesan Environmental Stewardship Committee and project coordinator for the Alternatives to Violence Project.

Sister Ingrid is said in her response to the parish profile, "I believe that the heart of effective, growing ministry is a listening, collaborative and respectful spirit, and an abundance of love," and she believes that it is a privilege to be a priest in this time of change.

In her personal life, Sister Ingrid is excited to fulfil a dream of living on the west coast. She loves the sea and wilderness here, and it will put her closer to her son in the Bay Area of California.

I wish to thank the members of the Bishop's Consultation Committee for their prayers, commitment, and hard work in the past few months. I have asked the Committee to stay together, for several months at least, to be an informal guide to Ingrid as she enters parish life.

Please pray for Sister Ingrid as she prepares to make this transition to our diocese of islands and inlets, and for yourselves, as we continue our mission and ministry together in the parish and the diocese.

Peace,

The Right Rev Anna Greenwood-Lee  
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