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Diocese of Kootenay Announcement re: Canon Andrew Stephens-Rennie

It is with mixed feelings that I announce that **Canon Andrew Stephens-Rennie, Director of Missional Renewal for the Diocese of Kootenay,** has accepted a full-time position at the Anglican Church of Canada as "Project Manager: Transformation Task Force" beginning January 1, 2027. Andrew's gifts as group facilitator and systems process implementer will be invaluable in this important work for the National Church Pathways task force, as they take the mandate from General Synod 2025 towards General Synod 2028. We congratulate Andrew on this new position and wish him every blessing!

This is, of course, a loss for us as the Diocese of Kootenay, as Andrew has done superb work in the Structures Working Group, in the Diocesan Values, Vision and Mission adopted in our Synod in 2023, in the Thriving Communities Process in parishes and diocesan organizations (and many other things we will outline later in our thanks to him!).

Over the next few weeks, Andrew will work with me, the Executive Archdeacon, and staff to make this a smooth transition as we carry on our Diocesan mandate for Missional Renewal. We will miss Andrew's pastoral grace, clarity, passion for God's Church, his sense of humour and his flow charts. We will have a time later to say "Thank You" to Andrew for all his work and to have a "Farewell Party". Please pray for the Diocese and for Andrew in this transition time.

Yours in Christ,

+ Lynne McNaughton

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