



The Diocese of Rupert's Land

The Right Reverend Geoffrey Woodcroft
Bishop of Rupert's Land

February 12, 2020

The Wardens of St. James Anglican Church
And the Wardens of the Parish of St. Stephen & St. Bede

Dear friends:

I have received notice of intent to retire from Rev. Canon Dr. Murray Still as Incumbent of the Parishes of St. James, Winnipeg St. Stephen & St. Bede, Winnipeg effective December 31, 2020. Please share this news with your parish congregations this coming Sunday.

Murray has served faithfully over several years. I am grateful to Murray for the way in which he has balanced the demands of two half-time appointments, respecting the traditions and practices of the Anglican and Lutheran churches as expressed through the parish of St. James and the shared congregations of St. Stephen & St. Bede. In addition to caring for the spiritual and pastoral wellbeing of your members, Murray has initiated with your assistance, a number of opportunities for education, fellowship and building up of disciples. He has participated actively through Diocesan, Provincial and National Church committees, including the Anglican Council of Indigenous People, and giving leadership locally in the Rupert's Land Circle of Elders. He has given voice to many, and for all of this, I remain most grateful.

Within the next few weeks, I will arrange to meet with the Wardens of St James, and St. Stephen and St. Bede, separately, to begin conversations about the future. It is my hope that the meeting with the Wardens of St. Stephen & St. Bede will also include MNO Synod Bishop, Jason Zinko.

The Rev. Dr. Heather McCance will forward to you the Transition Process for your information and consideration. She will attend our meeting.

In Christ,

The Rt Rev. Geoffrey Woodcroft
Bishop of Rupert's Land

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