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Dear Beloved of St. Peter's,

This past Wednesday at the monthly meeting of the Vestry, I tendered my resignation as Rector of St. Peter's, effective June 2, 2027. I will be retiring from full-time parish ministry after serving as your Rector for 14 years.

St. Peter's has a special place in my heart, for you are the parish who sent me to seminary and ordained ministry in the church in 2003. I was ordained in 2007 and you welcomed me back in 2013 to be your priest and Rector, which for me has been a profound honor and blessing. In that time, I have worked hard to fulfill my pledge to you, to care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By my words and in my life, I have dedicated myself to proclaim the Gospel, to love and serve God's people, nourishing and strengthening this congregation to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

My entire career has been of service to others, for the first 22 years working in national and local non-profit organizations and then for the last 23 years as a priest in the church. In my retirement, Kelli and I plan to move to the Richmond, Virginia area to be closer to family, especially our two daughters and their husbands. I anticipate that I will still be involved with the Episcopal Church in some part-time work as the Holy Spirit directs me in my retirement years.

There is much to be thankful for. Together as your Rector we have seen stability and growth in the church, a revitalization of our buildings and grounds, expanded ministries and opportunities for worship. We have successfully navigated through the trying times of the pandemic, and we continue to draw new people into our beloved community. The future of St. Peter's is bright with exciting opportunities and energy.

It is the Vestry's responsibility to call the next Rector of St. Peter's. I am making this announcement more than seven months in advance to allow the Vestry time to work with the Bishop and Diocesan Staff to put together a Search Committee for my successor, and to give them time and resources to develop a Parish Profile and conduct a search. The Wardens will begin this effort soon. While that is occurring, I will focus on my sacramental and managerial responsibilities to help ensure a smooth transition.

As you ponder the next chapter of your journey, I want you to know that you are in "good hands." St. Peter's has a dedicated and talented staff, a competent Vestry and top-notch Wardens: Gil Allen and Linda Hurley, and capable leaders are in place in each ministry. You are equipped and ready for the next adventure.

I look forward to being with you for one more season of Christmas, Lent and Easter. My last Sunday with you will be May 30, 2027. On that day, we will do what we have always done: tell the sacred stories, sing the songs, say the prayers and break the bread. And I will give back to you the symbols of our shared life, the symbols you gave to me so many years ago. I will ask you to release me from my role as your pastor and priest, and together declare our trust that God is doing more than we can ask or imagine.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Father David". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Father" and "David" being capitalized and prominent.

The Very Rev. David Michaud
Rector