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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As you are aware, the Reverend Peter Lane has announced his intention to resign his position as Rector of St. Paul and the Redeemer, effective December 31, 2017. It is bittersweet news to learn that a beloved leader of our community is taking his leave from us. While we acknowledge with sadness the departure of Peter, Erin, Simon and Connor, we simultaneously celebrate their life and ministry amongst us, and offer them our sincerest best wishes as they continue on their journey.

Peter has been a faithful and sensitive pastor, present to members of our parish during occasions of immense joy and great sorrow. His scholarly approach to understanding and extolling the scriptures has come across in his thought-provoking sermons and in the study materials he has helped craft for our small group meetings. Peter has brought a sense of excitement into our worship life through bold liturgical choices. He has also expanded our formation programs for children, youth, and adults, and cultivated a vibrant church community with strong lay leadership and engaged parishioners. As an administrator, Peter has displayed great skill, effective management and a keen vision for growth. There is no question that our parish is in a better position financially today thanks to Peter's effective stewardship of our resources and sense of financial discipline.

Many of you may be understandably anxious about how the parish will move forward once Peter has departed. You may also have questions about how a search process for a new rector will be implemented. Please join us and the Rev. Andrea Mysen from the Bishop's staff this Sunday at 10:20 in the church for an information session. Know that in the time we have left with Peter, the focus of the Wardens and Vestry will be squarely on celebrating and giving thanks for his ministry with us, and surrounding the Lane family with love and prayer. Please be assured that the Vestry and Wardens will work closely with Peter and our parish staff to make the upcoming transition as smooth as possible. A search process to call a new Rector will start shortly after the beginning of the new year. We invite you to contact us with any questions, concerns or anxieties you have about this news.

Yours in Christ,

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