

## **Report to the Diocese from the Missioner for Spirituality and Leadership**

It continues to be my honor to serve the Diocese in a part-time capacity. I have been visiting congregations across the diocese – at their invitation. I typically come twice in a month to preach both Sundays, celebrate the Eucharist at least one of the Sundays (the resident priest often celebrates the other Sunday), lead a forum, often meet with the Vestry, and walk the neighborhood. I will talk on the phone with the priest (or in some cases the warden(s)) in advance of each visit to go over the liturgy, and to get a context for the congregation. I then have a conversation on the phone with the priest or warden after each visit to share insights, reflections and learnings. In 2022, I have been invited to St. David's in Agawam, Trinity Milford, and for the fall I have been filling in at St. Mark's East Longmeadow, while the Priest in Charge, the Rev. Mia Kano, is on maternity leave. There is no financial obligation to any congregation I visit. I have some available Sundays in 2023.

I continue to do spiritual direction for some clergy and lay leaders in the diocese.

In the spring, I convened a group of clergy who serve two congregations to share insights and learnings, and offer mutual support. There is a unique ministry, and there is much to be learned from one another as the dynamics of congregational life and organization continue to evolve. We meet every six weeks.

Also in the spring, at the invitation of Bishop Fisher and Canon Simpson, I facilitate a group of clergy serving larger congregations – meeting monthly for support, sharing, reflection and learning.

I am inspired by the passion and commitment of the clergy – and the care, competence and hospitality of Bishop Fisher and his staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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