



The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick, Bishop

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Welina iā 'oukou me ke aloha o ke Akua,

With this letter, you will find one from Canon Liz. In it she announces that she has accepted a call to serve as a Rector in the Church of Ireland.

I have known Liz since I first arrived in the Diocese. She was part of the West Oahu clergy group (as the Vicar of St. George's Church) that took Bea and me out to dinner when I interviewed with Bishop Chang to be his Canon and the Vicar of St. Barnabas, Kapolei. Other than her short sojourn to Massachusetts, she has been an important part of this Diocese for years.

I am personally particularly grateful for her ministry the past seven years as my Canon. She has taken the lead on our developing local formation programs leading to ordination and the thinking on shared ministry. She has been a friend and confidant. Most importantly, however, she is one of the finest priests I know.

While life does not always go as we plan, we have confidence as the followers of Jesus Christ in God's love for us. At times, we are challenged to discern anew God's call to us. As Liz helped me discern the call to God's mission in this Diocese and a future possible shape of the staff of the Office of the Bishop, she and Kirk followed God's call to ministry in Ireland. It is risky for them. It is in the fullest of ways following the path of the Apostles on a holy adventure.

Please take the opportunity to say goodbye. Her last day in the office will be June 27, and then Liz and Kirk will leave one island home for another. Remember to keep them in your prayers:

May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours!
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you both and remain with you always. Amen.

Aloha ma o Iesu Kristo, ko mākou Haku,

Robert L. Fitzpatrick