

July 13, 2021

To be read aloud and distributed via all online channels to that parish of St George, Cadboro Bay, on Sunday, July 18, 2021

Friends,

I am pleased to announce that I have appointed The Rev Christine Conkin to be your new incumbent, beginning October 12, 2021.

Christine was ordained to the priesthood in 2007 in the Diocese of Calgary. She has been the incumbent at St Andrew in Calgary since 2014. Christine is also a co-leader at the Wisdom Centre and a regular teacher/presenter at the Sorrento Centre. She has been a regional dean, a General Synod delegate, and has served on many committees including the National Advisory Board and the General Synod Partners in Mission Committee. In addition, she has a keen interest in youth ministry, and has been a member of the CLAY worship team, Calgary's Diocesan Youth Committee and the Teens Encounter Christ program.

Christine is particularly interested in the transformation of the church today, in both belief and practice. In her response to the parish profile, Christine wrote about appreciating the parish's recognition of the joy brought from putting faith into action, and the "heartfelt and sensible" ways that the Christian faith was interwoven throughout the profile.

In her personal life, Christine is a dance teacher, choreographer and performer. She says in her response to the profile: "*Back in the day*, choreographing in sacred spaces meant working with and around *obstacles* such as pews, aisles, steps and altar rails. I have danced with pulpits and vestments. This kind of creative expression is now a metaphor for my strength in working with whatever *obstacles* may be around, as a catalyst to imagine ministry in new ways."

I wish to thank the members of the Bishop's Consultation Committee for their prayers, commitment, and hard work in the past few months. I have asked the Committee to stay together, for several months at least, to be an informal guide to Christine as she enters parish life.

Please pray for Christine as she prepares to make this transition to our diocese of islands and inlets, and for yourselves, as we continue our mission and ministry together in the parish and the diocese.

Peace,



The Right Rev Anna Greenwood-Lee
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