



Dear Trinity Cathedral Friends,

I have greatly missed seeing many of you over the past months. Following my Ordination on April 25 at Trinity, I was able to see a few of you on some Thursday nights in May and also at David Link's celebration in late May. However, after that, scheduling time to get up to Sacramento was difficult. Some of you knew I was considering a duo call in Ft. Bragg in late May and awaiting the result of the vote of Trinity Lutheran to call me. After I accepted the call, I was able to go to Ft. Bragg on Sunday, June 14 at both St. Michael's Episcopal and Trinity Lutheran parishes with their respective bishops present to celebrate this upcoming call. So it has been an exciting time, but I missed seeing many of you and saying good-bye personally over these months.

I want to tell you how much all of you have shaped my formation as a priest and my personal faith in Christ. When I came to Trinity, I needed some support, people to believe in me and spiritual healing. As individuals and in many settings, you provided that for me. I was able to attend, co-teach and share in many events on Thursday nights, to which I am so grateful. The Trinity Commission on Ministry spent extra time with me, working through my discernment to ordination and guiding me in so many ways. Then Dean Brian Baker opened the door for me to work with Trinity's Vestry and the Diocese to allow me to enter the ordination process, in the Diocese of Northern California, with Trinity Cathedral as my sponsoring congregation. Early on in my time at Trinity, Lynell Walker took me under her wing and was truly a mentor to me in every way. I was so fortunate to be able to be involved in many areas of ministry through Trinity and expand my understanding of ministry and so many of you in each of these areas were so helpful to me along the way; I owe you so much. Of course, Canon David Link has been a great friend this whole time and I am so grateful for the ways I could use my musical gifts at Trinity. Here are some areas that hold special place in my heart:

Bible Challenge, Journey with Jesus (Catechumen), Compline, Evensong, Saturday Night Service, Voices of Faith, Thursday Classes

So THANK YOU to each of you! And if I have forgotten someone, please pass this email on to others; that would be a great help to me (I don't have everyone's address I would like to thank!)

I will remain clergy in the Diocese of Northern California, so I'm sure I will see you at Diocesan events and will certainly want to stay in touch with the Cathedral Bookstore for reading and ministry ideas! (Another area where people have meant much to me!) Many of you follow me on Facebook and if you are not friends with me now, I encourage you to be one, so you can see what comes up in the months ahead. In the mean time, hold Robin and I in your prayers as we complete our ministry at St. John's Episcopal in Lodi on Sunday, August 23 and pack up our home of 20 years. Below, I have included an outline of what I will be doing starting on September 1 and the support I will enjoy of TWO bishops I know and trust as I begin this call in Ft. Bragg, CA. Maybe I'll see some of you there!

In Christ,

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The Rev. Randy Knutson, who was sponsored by Trinity Cathedral, has taken a joint call in Ft. Bragg, CA to St. Michael's Episcopal Church and Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA). This is part of a new Shared Ministry of both of these congregations that will maintain their separate buildings and identities in this North Coast California town in Mendocino county. He will be called as Priest in Charge at St. Michaels by Bishop Barry Beisner of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California and serve as Pastor to Trinity by Bishop Mark Holmerud of the Sierra Pacific Synod (ELCA). Both congregations worship separately on Sunday morning, but have taken on a number of new ministries working together and sharing strengths. Both bishops were in Ft. Bragg on June 14, where they introduced Randy to both parishes and welcomed him to this ministry. He will serve approximately half time at each congregation beginning September 1, 2015. Randy was ordained as priest at Trinity by Bishop Beisner on April 25. He has many years of experience as a church musician in both Lutheran and Episcopal parishes. He is an M. Div graduate of CDSP (Berkeley, CA) with an undergraduate degree in music from PLU in Tacoma, WA.



(L. to R.) Bishop Barry Beisner, the Rev. Randy Knutson, Bishop Mark Holmerud