

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

6320 HANOVER AVENUE * SPRINGFIELD, VA 22150

March 13, 2011

Dear Parish Family,

We are blessed and excited to announce The Rev. Peter K. Ackerman will be our next Rector. Father Peter comes from Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill in Alexandria, and was a 2007 graduate from the Virginia Theological Seminary. He also currently serves as an Adjunct Faculty member at VTS.

Background –

In the early 1990's while Peter Ackerman was working in the television industry, and was a parishioner at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Studio City, he was called to become a part time staff member at the parish as their youth leader. This, and a developing sense of call to ordained ministry, brought him to leave the television industry and become the full time Parish Administrator at his church. In 2004, Peter and his family, moved to Northern Virginia where he began his studies at the Virginia Theological Seminary. For course credit during those three years Peter interned at Immanuel Church and at Goodwin House in Bailey's Crossroads for his Clinical Pastoral Education experience. Upon his commencement in May 2007 he was called by Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, becoming their Associate Rector.

He is married to Marie Ackerman, and they are the parents to two teenage children; Harry and Amy.

Father Peter will begin his new role as Rector at Saint Christopher's in May 2011. His first Sunday Service will be on May 8. Mother Carol's last day with us will be Sunday May 1, 2011.

Members of the Vestry ask for your blessings on our parish family as we begin our journey with the Rev. Peter Ackerman.

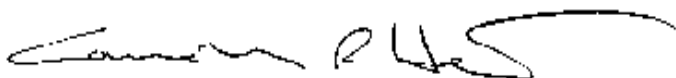
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A Special Thanks –

We are so thankful for incredible accomplishments and personal time given to achieve this. I want to especially recognize the members of the Search Committee: Mary Johnson (chair), Mary Andrews, Lindsey Seeger, Sarah Liberatore, Danny Gorham, Kevin Frear, Katie Alleman, Kathy Kozak, and Chas Henry, and also the Vestry: Tammy Farrar (Jr. Warden), Janet Quinn, Diane Owen, Janet Bush, Dawn Cannaday, Alex Johnson, Chris Meddng, Chris Erbe, Steve McClaugherty, and Pam Osborne, and also my Special Contract Negotiations Finance Team: Diane Own, Stan Spence (Treas.), Tammy Farrar, 2009 and 2010 Vestries for helping us to get us into position to make all this happen. Bless you all; you have done an amazing job.

Thank you,
Your brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carroll Hill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Carroll Hill
Senior Warden