



The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i

The Rev. Canon Elizabeth P. Beasley
Canon to the Ordinary

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Dear Diocesan 'Ohana,

I will be leaving my position as Canon to the Ordinary, with my last day at work being June 27. I have accepted a position as Rector of a group of four parishes in the Church of Ireland.

This is an unplanned and unexpected turn of events, as I had intended to work in Hawai'i until I retired, and Kirk and I hoped to stay here after retirement, if possible. It seems, however, that God has other plans! It has become apparent to me that Bishop Bob and the Diocese need to make a change in the position and role of the Canon to the Ordinary. In addition, after seven years of serving full-time in the Office of the Bishop, and after considering how I can best serve God as a priest, I have discerned that I would like to return to parish ministry.

When I started searching for a new position, little did I expect that it would be in Ireland! As many of you know, I was there for sabbatical three years ago. I will be going to a part of the country, and a diocese, that I have not been to before. Assuming the final steps of the Irish immigration process go as planned, I will be serving a "group of parishes": four small churches that share a Rector. One of the churches has a school attached, the equivalent of K-5, and the group provides a Rectory in one of the towns for us to live in. (The offices of Church of Ireland clergy, including bishops, are in their homes.)

Kirk and I are excited about taking up this new ministry, while also aware that we will have much to learn, as we move to a new country, a different Province of the Anglican Communion, and a different form of ministry — not to mention, as some in Ireland have pointed out to me, a different kind of weather!

We are also sad to leave Hawai'i, our home for most of the past 20 years. We are grateful for our years here and for the many people in the Diocese and in these islands with whom we have shared a bond in Christ. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the Episcopal Church here, and to Bishop Fitzpatrick and Bishop Chang for providing me with these opportunities. It has been a pleasure to serve them and the congregations and the people of this Diocese.

Blessings and aloha,