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Dear Friends,

In this season of Easter, we are reminded that new life and new possibilities emerge from the most unexpected places, and that new life also sometimes takes us to the most unexpected places as well.

In that spirit of new possibilities, I share with you the news that Robbie Boyd will be leaving All Saints as our Director of Administration, and moving to New England this summer due to family considerations. A firm date for the move has not yet been set, but Robbie and Megan, along with Daisy and Charlie, are planning to be settled in to their new surroundings around the start of August.

Clearly, Robbie's departure will leave a significant gap in the leadership team here at All Saints – a gap not easily filled. To make that transition as smooth as possible, Robbie has been kind enough to provide us with this extended notice so that we can hire and train his successor with minimal loss of continuity and function in his office. We are drafting a job description and will be advertising the position shortly.

Robbie has been a key staff person here at All Saints for over six years now. We will miss not only his competence and professionalism, but also his graceful and gentle approach to dealing with a very complex and ever-changing environment here at All Saints. This has always been more than a job for Robbie. It is his vocation, the work which God has set before him. And that has shown through in all that he has done. An appropriate farewell send-off will be planned for the Boyd family, and we hope that you will include it in your summer plans.

You can read Robbie's thoughts on this transition on the other side of this page. We will treasure all the more the time we all still have together and wish him and his family God's grace and all good things as they move forward into the next chapter of life.

Easter Blessings,

J. Robert Honeychurch
Interim Rector

The Reverend
Dr. Robert Honeychurch
Interim Rector

The Reverend
Victoria Kirk Mouradian
Interim Associate Rector,
Interim Director of Children
& Family Ministries

The Reverend
Dr. Michelle Woodhouse
Associate Rector Emerita

The Reverend
Donald A. Stivers
Retired

Steve O'Connor
Director of Music Ministries

Robbie Boyd
Director of
Administration

Anne Hopkinson
Special Services
Coordinator

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Dear Friends,

I started working at All Saints in February of 2008, which seems like both a lifetime ago and no more than a few months back all at once. Immediately you welcomed me with grace and good humor, helping me to get to know this wonderful community we live in and the good people of All Saints.

As Fr. Bob has said, my work at All Saints has been more than a paycheck. The clergy, staff and parishioners have become friends, mentors and beloved colleagues in the work of the church that all of us are called to do. One of my favorite things about my position at All Saints is the breadth of work required in different areas, because it brings me into contact with so many of you on a regular basis.

Looking to the future, I am saddened that I won't be here to see the fruition of some of our long-planned projects. I know that the Discernment Committee is working tirelessly to find your next Rector, and I'll miss not getting to work with that person. We've been talking (at various levels) about aspects of the Sanctuary Readiness Plan for most of my time at All Saints, and as it begins to take form I'll certainly miss not seeing that work take place (on a side note, I'd urge you to attend the Town Hall meeting on May 18 for an update on planning for the project and an opportunity to comment and ask questions.) A lot of people who love All Saints as you do have been involved in the planning of this project, and I regret that I won't see the fruits of our labors in person.

This is a peculiar letter to write in that it feels like time to say 'goodbye' yet I'll be with you for some months yet to come. That said, I'll add what I would want to say on my last day and on all the days before: thank you. Thank you for welcoming me and correcting me, for your kindness and graciousness, for the compliments and suggestions. In short, thank you for being the Church. You are an extraordinary group of people whom it has been a pleasure to serve.

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robbie Boyd', written in a cursive style.

Robbie Boyd
Director of Administration