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My Brother and Sisters in Christ,

I wanted to extend a word of Thank you, to all in this congregation, The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd here in Old Bridge, New Jersey. Thank you for all your prayers and your support as I make my way into this new phase in my life. Good Shepherd has always been a home to me, it has been my spiritual family from the days of Pastor Johnson right up to now. I am humbled to now serve this congregation in this new vicarage.

I found myself wanted to serve in the church more and more over the years. You all here have walked this journey with me. You have encouraged me; you have seen something in me, and it has grown. God has also prodded me along over the years, pushing me by his Word, bidding me to move a little further in study and a little further on in ministry here. And Now I am excited to see where He is taking me next.

I am reminded of Psalm 19 verses 12-14 in which David talks in this prayer about God's word, His voice, and His speech. It can be heard, day after day, night after night. It is revealed. By the Holy Spirit's power, it is made known to us all here in this Church. David concludes this psalm by saying a prayer, "Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins. Let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless and innocent of Great Transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."

I will not take this new role lightly. I do not presume to know everything, but I will continually seek guidance only in his word through God's Holy Spirit. The words of my mouth will bring to you that which is acceptable in His sight. The Gospel of Grace through the Cross and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I look forward to telling you all that Amazing Grace here in the future.

I conclude with also a word of Thank you to Pastor Steinbronn, our District President. I thank him for his support and commitment to me. I pray that our Great Redeemer and Lord will find all we do acceptable in his sight and that the Gospel message may be heard throughout the District that we serve!

Yours in Christ,

Jeffrey Campbell