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Dear Truro family,

It is a true joy to accept the call of God to serve as your next rector. My heart is full of gratefulness for you all, and especially for the sacrificial and prayerful work of the search committee over the last 10 months, and for the ministry of our vestry, clergy, and staff.

Catherine and I love this church. We met and married here, and for the last eight years, we've been raising our kids here. So many monumental moments in our lives have centered around this wonderful place. Truro is our family, and we rejoice in the kindness of its people, the vibrancy of its ministry, and the richness of its legacy as a church that exists to celebrate and proclaim the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

These last several years have been painful for us all, as we've seen our beloved church experience a series of significant and heartbreaking trials. There have been many times of grief and loss, and Catherine and I have been praying for the light of Jesus to shine brightly in the midst of the darkness. We're encouraged and full of faith that God has great things in store for Truro, and we're thrilled to be a part of it. The best is yet to come!

Almost 22 years ago, I walked into Truro as a depressed, confused, and lonely high school student. I sat next to my dad in the middle section of pews, waiting for the service to start. Martyn Minns greeted us with a prayer and then invited us to sing:

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

As we got to the refrain, I found myself singing this response to the Lord:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night
I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart*

This is my response to the Lord now and always. And this will be my prayer as your rector: that I would hold you in my heart.

Your brother,

Jamie

