



A MESSAGE FROM JAMES PEERY, SENIOR WARDEN

Good morning everyone. It is my pleasure to announce to you that we have formed a committee to facilitate a sabbatical for the summer of 2023. This will not be just a period of renewal for Todd and Diane, but for all of us. The Sabbatical will be a shared symbiotic experience with one of its principal goals of strengthening our relationship between clergy and congregation. It is important to know that this is not something taken lightly, but with a tremendous amount of thoughtful and prayerful deliberation. A sabbatical is for healthy clergy in healthy congregations and St. Paul's is in a wonderful spot for such an experience. Included in the bulletin this morning is the Sabbatical Policy of the Diocese which may answer some of your questions. We will also have some copies of Robert Saler's guide for Planning Sabbaticals available to borrow. For me personally, the more I have researched Sabbaticals the more I have come to appreciate just how important they are. In the coming months we will be applying for a grant from the Lilly Endowment Foundation which has the potential to help significantly with the financial cost. Now we are still in the earliest stages of planning so there are more questions than answers, but we will keep the congregation updated as more information becomes available. For the time being, we certainly appreciate any thoughts and prayers. Thank you.