



January 12, 2011

Dear Parishioners,

Your Vestry is excited and pleased to announce joyfully that a call has been extended to Adam J. Shoemaker to become the next rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter. That call has now been gladly accepted! Adam will begin his ministry with us on the 1st of April, 2011.

The Search Committee voted unanimously to recommend Adam to the members of the combined 2010 & 2011 Vestry and, after meeting him, the Vestry's vote was also unanimous. From all of the exchanges we've had with Adam, his colleagues and his parishioners, we believe that Adam possesses the attributes and the abilities to bring energy to Holy Comforter and that he will provide spiritual meaning to our everyday lives.

The Holy Spirit is alive and well at Holy Comforter!

Adam is currently the Assistant Rector at Christ Church, in Andover, Massachusetts. He and his wife Courtney, who is also an ordained Episcopal priest, are very much looking forward to moving to Burlington to be part of our ministry! We plan to hold an Adult Forum on February 6th so that the combined Vestry and Search Committee members can present information about our new rector, answer questions about the search process, and discuss our plans and preparations to receive Adam and Courtney into our church family.

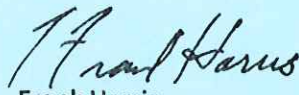
Please take every opportunity to thank members of the Search Committee for the many hours of prayerful preparation, work and travel they have experienced to present this individual to the Vestry.

We ask for your prayers for Adam and Courtney, for Christ Church - Andover who will be losing its wonderful assistant rector, and for the ongoing ministry of Holy Comforter. We are grateful for the prayers from each of you that have sustained us and this church throughout this process.

Yours in Christ,


Janie Sellers

Sr. Warden



Frank Harris

Jr. Warden

P.S. to Holy Comforter FaceBook users: Adam has a FaceBook presence, but would appreciate your holding off on friend requests until after he is with us in April. He is going to have a very busy couple of months saying goodbye to his current parish and preparing for the move to Burlington; we ask that you respect his wishes in this regard.