To The People of St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg:

Greetings! Grace and peace to you from God the Source of All Being, the Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

Thank you for the invitation to serve as your Rector and the next Cathedral Dean. I look forward to offering priestly ministry among you as servant leader and coworker in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

There's an ancient Christian phrase and Gregorian chant: *Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est* (Where charity and love are, there God is). I understand you know it well. It's a saying I hold near to my own heart alongside the passage of scripture from which it is drawn: "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God" (1 John 4:7).

I look forward to a ministry together grounded in love, for that is where we find God. As Christians, we strive to love as Jesus loves, which is to say we learn to love with grandeur, the kind often reflected in cathedrals, in their architecture and music, in their worship. What energizes me is joining you in following Christ into the City of Winnipeg, finding the beauty expressed within St. John's Cathedral in the love and justice poured out beyond its doors.

I pray that you may be blessed in your remaining time with your interim priest, the Reverend Paul Lampman as you give thanks for his steady and faithful ministry and that of the wardens and lay delegates who ably steered the search process. Please keep the people of St. Clement's, North Vancouver in your prayers as they bid farewell to their priest and begin their own interim ministry, and please remember my spouse Andi and me as we make the move to Manitoba. Thank you.

With every good wish,



The Reverend Helen Dunn