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Dear Friends,

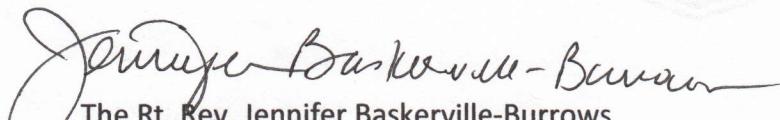
I've recently received the good news about your 2019 stewardship campaign and debt elimination effort. What you have done is extraordinary and I want to commend you for your courageous leadership and generosity.

In the weeks before I was ordained bishop, I met with the vestry to begin building a relationship. You were in the midst of anticipating the transition in clergy leadership and were experiencing some "capital campaign fatigue". Just over a year and a half later you have surpassed every stewardship benchmark and positioned yourselves to initiate a strong and healthy beginning with a new rector. I want to congratulate you and thank you for the financial commitments you have made to eliminate the debt and make provision for a building maintenance fund.

Thanks to Father Stephen's meticulous reporting, I also understand that this interim period has been marked by growth in numbers and spiritual depth. Your faithfulness and commitment is a stunning example of what a productive transition period can be. I'm incredibly excited about what Christ is doing with and through you. You exemplify bold witness and radical welcome.

All of you at St. Christopher's have been living in a time of extended Advent—a period of anticipation, preparation and hope. May the gifts of the Christ-child be a continual blessing upon you now and always.

Faithfully,

  
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