

Dear Cathedral Community,

I would like to share with you that The Rev. Canon Jason Leo has been appointed to the role of interim Dean at Christ Church Cathedral, effective July 1, 2020.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal made this appointment after much prayerful consideration, and in consultation with our Cathedral vestry. While part of the Bishop's canonical responsibility, this measure was also taken to continue to foster the health and vitality of the Cathedral community, and in light of current restraints on the interim dean search process as a result of the current COVID pandemic.

Jason comes to us, a healthy and visionary Cathedral, as we ready ourselves to enter into a new season. He will act as a guide to our vestry and our community during this time of transition, encouraging momentum and helping to prepare the soil for arrival of new leadership. He will be working with the vestry to, among other things, provide canonical leadership, and to support current programs and ministry efforts.

While times of transition can sometimes bring uncertainty, be assured that *this is also a time of great grace and promise.*

Jason currently serves as Canon for Transitions and Congregational Vitality for The Diocese of Southern Ohio. In this role, until the time of this appointment, he had been faithfully serving Christ Church Cathedral in our search for a new Dean. As such, he is well-versed in the challenges and opportunities of securing new congregational leadership, a gift with inherent value as the cathedral looks to the future.

Given his appointment as interim Dean, Rev. Leo will be stepping away from the Cathedral's dean search, and the Rev. Canon John R. Johanssen will be acting in this capacity. Rev. Johanssen currently serves as the Bishop's Canon to the Ordinary, and previously acted as interim for Christ Church Cathedral from late 2010 to the Spring of 2011.

We humbly ask for your prayers for Jason, for our cathedral staff, and for our Cathedral community, as we work together to lean into this space that God has made for us all.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael". The script is cursive and fluid.

Dr. Michael Henrickson  
Senior Warden, Christ Church Cathedral

*The Rev. Canon Jason Leo has served on the Bishop's staff since January 2015, having been appointed Missioner for Congregational Vitality in that year, and later as Canon for Transitions in 2018. He was made an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral in 2016. Jason previously served as rector of Calvary Episcopal Church (Clifton) from 2000-2015 and as Priest-in-charge at Church of the Advent (Walnut Hills) from 2013-2014. Jason also served as rector of Trinity Episcopal Church (London, OH) from 1998-2000, and diocesan director of youth ministry and summer camp from 1994-1998.*

*Jason is married to his wife Jeannie of 30 years. They have three children. Bailey has completed her first year of law school at NKU. Ben is a junior at the University of Cincinnati. Jesse is in third grade at Nativity School in Pleasant Ridge.*