



Bishop Goff Announces Appointment of Assistant Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, Bishop Suffragan and Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Virginia, is honored to announce the appointment of the Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia. Bishop Brooke-Davidson has been Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of West Texas since July, 2017.

“Bishop Brooke-Davidson will bring tremendous gifts to our Diocese,” Bishop Goff said. “We will be strengthened by her clarity, commitment, and ability to ask good questions, along with her skill in helping a community seek faithful answers. She is the right person at the right time to share in leadership and support of our mission and ministry.”

Bishop Brooke-Davidson will take part in the full range of episcopal functions in the Diocese, including Sunday and other visitations, support of persons in the ordination process, congregational development, conflict transformation and work with diocesan committees and commissions. She will live in Richmond and have a primary office at Mayo Memorial Church House.

Bishop Brooke-Davidson extended greetings to the people of the Diocese of Virginia, saying, “It is a great honor to be called to the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia to serve you under the leadership of Bishop Goff. I eagerly look forward to meeting you at Convention and working with you in the years to come. While it is hard for me to leave the people and congregations that I love in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, I do so in the conviction that God is calling me to new joys and challenges among God’s people in Virginia.”

Bishop Brooke-Davidson was ordained a priest in 2009 after graduating from Fuller Theological Seminary. She began her ordained ministry at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Wimberley, Texas, where she served as the Assistant Rector from 2009-2011. She then served as Vicar of Saint Elizabeth in Buda, Texas, from 2011 until she was elected Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of West Texas. Prior to ordination, Bishop Brooke-Davidson practiced commercial financial law for 12 years. She is married to Carrick Brooke-Davidson, and they have two grown daughters, Emma and Kate.

Bishop Robert W. Ihloff will continue as our part-time Bishop Associate for some time longer, and will maintain a primary office in northern Virginia at The Falls Church Episcopal. “I am grateful for the continuing ministry of Bishop Ihloff,” said Bishop Goff. “I am also thankful to my brother bishops Ted Gulick, David Jones and Jim Mathes, who have pitched in with parish visitations and other ministries this year. Their participation in our common life has been a blessing to the Diocese and will continue in various forms.”

Bishop Brooke-Davidson will begin her ministry in this Diocese on November 4. Please join Bishop Goff in welcoming her to the Diocese of Virginia.

