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Dear Christ Church Family,

A nationwide search for a new Youth Minister of Christ Church has begun. We hope you will offer us your guidance and prayers as we embark on this journey.

Five years ago, our Youth Ministry program was merely a vision. Through the tremendous leadership of Leah Romanelli, the Christ Church Youth Ministry is now vibrant and strong. We can celebrate that over 150 young teens have been active in our programs over the past year. The future of our church is bright: our young adults are taking on leadership positions, stepping up to serve in Church, participating in outreach programs and bonding as friends.

For the next year our Youth Ministry program will be led by your fellow parishioners. We will not miss a beat and will continue to serve the needs of our youth through events such as Communion, Peer Ministry, Elves off the Shelves, A Just Harvest, Inspiration Café, Holy Improv and the Youth-led Services.

Our search committee is led by Laura Zung and Jennifer Baker. Committee members include Russell Potterfield, Jerry Hufton, Susanna Ver Eecke, Emily Horvath, and Janet Schroeder. We have three youth members: Lula Macey, Dodge Adams and George Ware. Feel free to share your suggestions and hopes for a new Youth Minister with the team in person or by email. You can reach the whole team through this address:

youthministrysearch@christchurchwinnetka.org.

In the next week, the official job description for Christ Church Youth Minister will be posted online and distributed throughout the diocese. We will also be posting the job description on Ministry Job websites and conventional job websites. Finally, we are actively connecting with other parishes across the nation to fill this role.

What can you do to assist us in this process? Please communicate the position to anyone you know in strong and like-thinking church communities around the country. If you know anyone at churches that have a successful program, ask if they have an assistant Youth Minister who is ready to lead and desires a full-time job. Ask if they have a Youth Minister who would like to relocate to Chicago.

We welcome your thoughts and advice. Thank you in advance for your patience as we search for a new Youth Minister. We are confident that we will be able to find a passionate, smart, thoughtful and energetic person to fill this important role.

Yours in Peace,

Jennifer Baker & Laura Zung