

Friday, August 9, 2020

Dear Grace Congregation,

I am writing to you with sincere gratitude. I have been working as the Director of Children, Youth, & Adult Ministries at Grace since January 2016. During my 4 1/2 years here I have been supported and encouraged completely. I thank all of you for that! Part of my move to this area was to discern what ministry would look like for me as a long-term career. Through prayer and discussions, I've decided that ministry for me will be a path in education.

For the last two years, I have been taking classes (part-time and online) to get my teaching license in the state of Minnesota to be a future middle school/high school social studies teacher. This fall I will be completing my student teaching experience as part of that process.

Thus, I want to inform you of three updates:

1. The Staff Parish Relations Committee is preparing a job description to post my position and start the search for finding my replacement.
2. Starting at the end of August my office hours will be limited to time outside of normal public-school hours; I will be available for church work on nights, weekends, and when school is not in session.
3. I plan to continue to work at Grace until a new person is hired! I am committed to finding a safe and enjoyable way for us to have Sunday School, Youth Group, and other small group opportunities this fall.

I am thankful to be able to include you all in this next part of my educational journey. I am grateful for the support I have received from Pastor Gary Liker, Pastor Jen Matthees, Brad Wallace, Ann Hutchings, and the whole Staff Parish Relations Committee.

I am also really looking forward to doing ministry with Grace for as long as I still can. Please pray for the hiring team, for potential candidates, and for our Grace families. Feel free to reach out with any questions. Thank you!

With peace,

Andrea Langhoff