



Sierra Pacific Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

July 6, 2026

Dear Vice President Wong and Members of the Synod Council,

I am writing to announce my resignation as the Director for Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop. I have accepted the call to be the Senior Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Sacramento. After a period of months in the discernment process the call was extended on Sunday, June 28, 2026 and I accepted on July 3, 2026.

I am grateful to have been part of Bishop Jeff's team these last two years, which makes it hard to leave, but I am excited about leading the people of St. John's in mission and ministry. I will miss my colleagues on the Bishop's Team and am extremely proud of the work we've done together. I will continue to pray for you and look forward to being a partner with you in our synod's mission as a Rostered Leader in one of our congregations.

There will be some time between this announcement and my leave-taking as I prepare to hand off my work to the next DEM in a way that keeps as much continuity as possible. I will also try to make myself available to my successor after I have left to help smooth the transition. My last day in the office will be sometime this fall; I will keep you informed as the exact date is confirmed.

Grace and Peace,

Pr. Amy Kienzle