## Howdy Church!

It's such a joy and a blessing to get to finally meet you all and begin this journey of life and ministry with one another. Thank you for you lovely reception of me as well as my dear friends Sam and Haley (and my dog-niece, Sasha) this past Sunday, as well as other friends and family on zoom. It was all quite lovely and they all enjoyed getting to meet you all!

I'm excited to get to know each and every one of you all as well and learn and explore Cold Spring and the wider Hudson Valley region. Full-time church work will be a huge transition for me, as I'm sure having a pastor around all the time may be for you all. My first day is August 1st, so we'll really be hitting the ground running soon!

Finally, a huge thanks to Cathy, Bev, Ana, Ron, Andy, your fearless PNC. Their dedication and hard work in this search process showed through their questions and how they worked with one another. I truly believe that the five of them are a true reflection of the gifts, talents and love of the wider FPCP community.

See you in a few weeks!

-Ekama