

Dear Rocky Mountain Synod,

As we continue to move through a season of transition in the Office of the Bishop, we are grateful for the people who are stepping in to support the ongoing ministry and work of the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Following the faithful ministry of Jon Johnson and Yvonne Wilken on our synod staff, several interim staff members are helping us learn, grow, and discern what staffing and support will look like in these areas moving forward. Jon and Yvonne will also continue some contracted work with the synod, offering important continuity and support during this transition.

We are especially grateful for a new partnership with our siblings in the Grand Canyon Synod. Theresa Thornburgh, who serves there as Director for Administration and Events, and Amy Birchard, their Finance Administrator, will now share some of their gifts and expertise with the Rocky Mountain Synod as well. Theresa and Amy already work closely together in the Grand Canyon Synod, and we are grateful to welcome them into this shared ministry with us.

Please join us in welcoming our interim staff:

- **Deacon Gail Britt**, Interim Office Administrator
- **Theresa Thornburgh**, Interim Finance Support
- **Amy Birchard**, Interim Finance Support

We give thanks for each of them and for the many ways God continues to provide people, partnerships, and possibilities as we navigate this season together.

As a reminder, our synod staff will continue working full time, and we encourage you to continue reaching out to Bishop Meghan and our Synod Minister team as you normally would. However, during the administrative and financial transition:

- Public office hours are reduced and are **Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.** In-person visits to the synod office will be by advance appointment only. To schedule appointments and/or congregational visits with Bishop Meghan, please email both [office@rmselfca.org](mailto:office@rmselfca.org) and [maelabouni@rmselfca.org](mailto:maelabouni@rmselfca.org).
- The main office phone number and the email addresses [office@rmselfca.org](mailto:office@rmselfca.org) and [finance@rmselfca.org](mailto:finance@rmselfca.org) will remain active, but we anticipate some slower processing times for responses and thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility.

+In Christ,  
Bishop Meghan