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Dear Siblings in Christ,

I am writing to share with you the news that the Rev. Dr. Marilyn van Duffelen's ministry with St. Paul's Indian Mission in Sioux City has come to a close. We give thanks for her time and ministry over the years and wish her well on the next steps of her journey.

During my September visitation to St. Paul's Indian Mission, I experienced a vibrant congregation with enthusiasm for the ministry of their church and hope for the future. To help as St. Paul's Indian Mission moves into this next phase of transition and discernment, we are grateful to be joined by the Rev. Isaiah "Shaneequa" Brokenleg, the interim missioner for the Office of Indigenous Ministries of The Episcopal Church. Canon Meg, Rev. Shaneequa, and I are excited to collaborate with congregational leadership to support the revitalization and continued ministry of St. Paul's. Canon Meg and Rev. Shaneequa will join with the congregation later this month in-person to begin this work together, and I will join in-person again in November. To help ensure continued spiritual care during this time, we will also arrange for supply clergy coverage in coordination with St. Paul's leadership.

St. Paul's Indian Mission is a valued ministry in both their community and this diocese, and I look forward to supporting them as we work toward Christ's vision for the future, together. Please join me in keeping everyone involved in this transition and discernment in your prayers.

Yours in the abundant life of Christ,

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