

After serving as rector of St. Paul's, Wilmington, for six years, the Rev. Dena Whalen's last Sunday will be September 15th. Dena is moving to Asheville in the Diocese of Western North Carolina where she looks forward to living full-time with her husband, Gary.

Dena has been called to serve as vicar of the Church of the Advocate, a congregation that offers a safe and sacred space for the marginalized and outside people in the downtown area of Asheville. Commonly known as The Red Door, the Church of the Advocate celebrates Holy Eucharist every Sunday and provides support services during the week.

Dena gives thanks for her shared ministry with St. Paul's, the Lower Cape Fear Deanery and the Diocese of East Carolina, and for the "one hope in God's call to us" that we all share in the Body of Christ.