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Dear Friend,

Thank you for taking the time to consider the role of Area Dean of Mission for the Edmonton Episcopal Area in the Diocese of London.

As I write this letter, I am reminded of the words of Jesus to his disciples, “For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you” (John 13:15). Jesus is our ultimate example for our mission and discipleship. So, it is my hope that we may be able to embody the example set by our Lord in our mission, which enables our sisters and brothers to confidently proclaim and live out the Gospel in our society. The wholistic missional approach to make Christ known to the world is also at the heart of our discipleship. Consequently, it involves equipping our church communities and parishes, so that all in our care may come to know the life and love possible in Christ.



With this in mind, I think the area Dean of Mission is a critical senior role within the Area because it touches upon our multifaceted missional engagement across the area. In essence, the Dean of Mission helps to lead, shape and deliver the core practices around mission.

In the past year of being part of Edmonton Episcopal Area, I have been amazed to learn about the wonderful multiplicity of traditions, church practices, and cultural and socio-economic diversity. Obviously, it poses significant challenges, but as an Area we are deeply committed to the flourishing of all God’s children. I believe that God is already at work within our worshipping communities, and we are simply stepping into partner with this exciting work, by embracing those challenges and opportunities.

I am keen that the new Dean of Mission will be an important link between the Episcopal Area and the wider diocese in embedding the diocesan ambitions and priorities, to see how they need to be translated to the particular needs of Edmonton and its missional aspirations.

I do hope that you will prayerfully consider this important missional responsibility, and I look forward to working with you in furthering the Kingdom of God in the Edmonton Episcopal Area.

In Christ,

With love and prayers,



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