

June 28, 2021 Dear Friends,

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Your Wardens and Vestry have called The Rev. John Elliott Lein to be the next Rector of Trinity Church.

Father John most recently served as Priest in Charge at St. Thomas a Becket Episcopal Church in the Diocese of West Virginia. He comes to the priesthood after a career in media/design. He was ordained priest in February 2020 after completing his Master of Divinity degree at Virginia Theological Seminary, with an emphasis on Spirituality.

Fr. John will begin ministry with us on August 1st, and his first Sunday will be August 8th. We welcome Fr. John, his wife Miriam, and his four children with great joy, hope and gratitude. In Christ,

Beth Moeller Senior Warden

A message from Fr. John:

Dear Parish of Trinity,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior! Your vestry and myself have discerned together that I will be your new priest beginning in August. I am excited to begin this new chapter of ministry together with you all.

I come to you out of a childhood conservative evangelical faith and a first career as an artist and designer, having been since formed in a more progressive Episcopal tradition and serving a parish in West Virginia for the last two years. My wife Miriam is a clothing pattern designer, choir singer, and lover of building relationships and community. We have known each other since we were 8, and have been married for 21 years this summer. We have four children: Elise (18) is heading to college this fall, Will (14) is an avid mountain biker, Seth (12) loves inventing things, and Dietrich (8) is obsessed with LEGOs. We're all looking forward to moving to New England where my family roots are.

I am passionate about faith formation and spiritual growth, art and writing, and experiencing the sacred in community. I also enjoy woodworking, cycling, boats, reading, puzzles, and music.

I am delighted and honored to be your new rector, and I look forward to getting to know each of you in the months and years ahead.