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Dear Synod Family

RE: SYNOD TRANSITION FOR OFFICE OF BISHOP

We had an exciting synod convention that elected a new bishop, Rev. Jason Zinko. A transition plan will begin immediately and we want to ensure that you are aware of how that will happen.

Bishop Elaine leaves office on June 30, 2018, according to the terms of her call and the synod constitution and bylaws. She will need to use up vacation time and plans to do that at the end of her term. She will be out of the office beginning June 4 to attend the synod study conference and then follow up with vacation days until the end of the month. Bishop Elaine has accepted the call to serve St. Chad's Anglican Parish, Winnipeg as of July 1. Please keep Bishop Elaine in your prayers as she begins this new call to ministry. An installation/celebration of ministry will be set for some time in September.

Bishop-Elect Rev. Jason will leave the office of Pastor of Sherwood Park Lutheran Church, Winnipeg as of June 25, following up with vacation days and a family transition time. He looks forward to getting to know the synod congregations and leadership. Please keep Pastor Jason, his family, and the congregation of Sherwood Park in your prayers as they prepare for this new reality of ministry in a new context and the welcoming of a new leader in their midst.

Bishop -Elect Rev. Jason will assume the office of Bishop on August 7. Until such time he is unavailable for work in the synod. The synod office will be your communication link to ministry needs. Please contact the office at 204-889-3760 or mnosynod@elcic.ca for assistance. The synod executive will manage the ministry during the month of July. Should an emergency occur, please contact chair of council, Heather Howdle at hhowdle84@gmail.com.

The ordination of Bishop Elect Rev. Jason will be held on Saturday, September 8 at 3 pm at Church of the Cross, Winnipeg. All are welcome to attend. More information will follow later this summer.

Thank you for your understanding through this transition time in the synod office.

Peace,

MNO Synod Council