



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate

November 12, 2009

To the People of Fort Worth:

I give thanks for your strong and faithful ministry over the last year. You continue to witness to the power of the resurrection, giving an account of the faith that is within you. You give hope to others as well!

I am abundantly grateful for the highly effective and courageous leadership of Bishop Gulick in your midst, and hope you will say farewell to him in appropriate ways. I know that he will carry you with him in his heart. People of faith are changed by common experience of grief and trauma like yours. You have walked through the valley of the shadow of death, and you have known God's presence in your midst. Thank God for Bp. Gulick's ministry of accompaniment!

I am also very grateful for the willingness of Bishop Ohl to join you for the next stage of your journey. I know his gifts of clarity and good humor will be important as you continue your climb out of the valley and begin to survey the landscape around you. Ask him about the Llano Estacado, and what it may have to say about the journey ahead.

Keep walking, and know who walks with you. You continue in my prayers. I remain

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katharine Jefferts Schori". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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