

## Growing Our Roots: Sabbatical Update, May 25, 2017

Dear Trinity,

We're your vestry, that list of people on the back of the bulletin who go to Tuesday night meetings, working behind the scenes on Trinity's business.

As part of the sabbatical journey, we commit to being more transparent about our work, what's inspiring us, and what's keeping us awake at night. Watch for more letters like this one, and please share your questions and ideas with us.

The sabbatical is not about "keeping things warm" for Devon to return. It's a space for renewal, for bold creativity, for experimentation, with a vision of welcoming our rector back to a stronger, brighter Trinity.

In that spirit, we share some things that are green and growing:



*No tree in a forest stands alone; underground, they are connected by root structures that support and feed one another. This metaphor frames our journey. Devon pauses to nurture her personal root system while Trinity, the forest, strengthen and deepen our connections to each other.*

**9:00 Summer Service.** From June 11-September 3, we will worship as one community in the Sanctuary. We'll combine familiar elements of the 8:00 and 10:15 services, plus fresh ideas and historic traditions. Stay for treats and fellowship afterward, and get to know people from "the other side."

**Spiritual Autobiographies.** We're inviting Trinity members to the pulpit for some of our Sunday sermons in the sabbatical season. A spiritual autobiography is the story of God's presence in one's life. Another word for it is "testimony." Writing your story is an insightful reflection. Hearing another's story is an opportunity for deepening roots and enriching our faith. If you are open to sharing your spiritual autobiography, we can help you prepare.

There's a template, a guide book, and an open offer of one-on-one consultation with Monica Wiant from the vestry.

Please, tell us:

- What possibility are you most excited about this sabbatical season?
- What questions do you have?
- Would you be open to writing and sharing your spiritual autobiography?

Share your thoughts with us via the form linked in the Thursday Update email, or by contacting any one of us.

Sincerely,  
Your Vestry

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