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My dear friends,

I write to you today to tell you that Archbishop Greg has accepted my letter of resignation as your Bishop, here in the Diocese of Edmonton. I know that this letter will not come as a shock to you, as you have seen a similar one before.

Rescinding my intention to resign in the early spring of 2020 was a difficult decision, but one that I certainly do not regret. I have been absolutely astonished by the incredible work and support that this diocese has provided to the community, their parishioners, each other, and to myself as we forged through this pandemic time. As we begin 2021, vaccinations for COVID-19 are taking place around the diocese. I fully expect that by the fall, we will be firing on all cylinders and parishes will be able to meet in person for worship, service, and study activities. We have learned so much about how to reach people in new ways over the past year, and I hope that many of the innovations that we have made will be seen as blessings and continue well into the future.

Now that it seems as though the end of the pandemic is in sight, I believe that the diocese is well positioned to welcome their new bishop in the fall of 2021. We have heard from the Provincial Chancellor that a virtual electoral synod is permissible in the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land. Therefore, even if we were to experience future restrictions on public gatherings, the diocese can still elect their 11th bishop.

All of this is to say that my last liturgical service in the diocese will be Easter Sunday at All Saints' Cathedral, and I will cease to be your bishop as of April 16, 2021. It has been an incredible privilege to be your bishop. I love you all dearly. I look forward to seeing the diocese continue to ***Proclaim the Gospel, Make Disciples, and Further the Kingdom.***

In Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander
Bishop of Edmonton