



Diocese of Utah

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Dear People of The Episcopal Diocese of Utah:

When I announced my intention to resign as your bishop and issued a call to begin the search process for your next bishop, I did not imagine that our lives would be so radically changed by the onslaught of a pandemic.

The Standing Committee and Nominating Committee have prayerfully discerned that in order that you have the very best person to serve as the Twelfth Bishop of the Diocese of Utah, an adjustment must be made to the original calendar for the search, election and consecration.

I agree with their discernment. The skills and talents needed for your next bishop have to be reconsidered in the light of a changed world. This will take time as the contours of what our world will be are rapidly evolving.

But, this I know, God remains faithful and loving to us regardless of the changes. I stand upon this rock with the assurance of that love. Therefore, I am hopeful that through it all, if we remain attentive to seeking and finding God in our daily lives, that we will come through this time and have a successful search, election and consecration of the person who will best serve as your next bishop.

Amy and I have discussed what we will do because of this adjustment. We had intended to sell our home and move from Utah in the Autumn of 2021. Life happens regardless of what plan we make. Therefore, I have made the decision that our timeline will shift to coincide with the timeline of our diocese. Honestly, this is not a hardship or disappointment for me. That is because I am so privileged to be your bishop that staying with you for a little longer is a blessing for me.

Please continue to hold the the Standing Committee and Nomination Committee in your prayers and also, be praying for the person, whoever he or she may be, that will be the Twelfth Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Utah.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Scott B. Hayashi". The signature is written in a cursive style and includes a small cross symbol at the beginning.

+Scott B. Hayashi