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Dear Members and Friends of Plymouth Church,

January 27, 2023

It is with joy that we announce to you the call of Pastor Dillon Shipman as Designated Associate Minister of Plymouth Church, starting February 1, 2023! Dillon comes to us from Chicago, where he completed his Master of Divinity at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and preparation for ordination. Over the past decade, Dillon has served in church ministry at St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church in Glencoe, Illinois, and at Hope Ridge United Methodist Church in Concord, Ohio, with experience in pastoral care, intergenerational and youth ministry, and music ministry.



At Plymouth, Dillon will share in pastoral care to the congregation, worship leadership, confirmation and youth faith formation, among other ministry roles. He is currently pursuing licensed ministry in the United Church of Christ, on the way toward ordination, having recently discerned his call within the UCC rather than the Episcopal Church, in which he had previously been in discernment.

You may recall that when the position of Associate Minister became vacant, a search was initiated for an interim or designated minister. The distinction of those terms, in this setting, is that a designated minister may be considered at a later time for the settled ministry position, whereas an interim minister would serve only for a limited time until the church called a settled minister. The process for mutual discernment will lie in our future. For now, we are grateful for the opportunity to welcome Dillon to ministry at Plymouth Church, and confident that he will be a blessing to our community.

Please hold Dillon in prayer as he begins. You will have the opportunity to meet him on Sunday, February 5, when we celebrate Children and Youth Sunday. On February 12, Dillon will deliver his first sermon at Plymouth.

Yours in faith,

Matt Wooster
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