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To my beloved family that is the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska,

I greet you in the fullness of hope, joy and grace that is ours in abundance through our faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the Standing Committee in-person meeting at the Diocesan Office this weekend, I announced my intention to resign and retire from the office of Bishop Diocesan of Alaska and asked the Standing Committee to initiate a process to elect the 9<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Alaska at the October 2027 Diocesan Convention. The Presiding Bishop has scheduled February 26, 2028, for the ordination of the 9<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Alaska.

I have had the extraordinary joy and honor of serving as your bishop for 16 years--September 4 marks the beginning of my 17<sup>th</sup> year. After much prayer and discernment with my wife, Patricia, and our family, I have come to understand that it is now time for me to begin a new chapter of my life, a chapter devoted to living more fully into the calling of husband, father, and grandfather.

In retirement I am looking forward to moving to Juneau where I will, finally, get to live with Patricia despite having already celebrated 4 years of marriage. We are looking forward to enjoying life together in Alaska; traveling and visiting with family and friends; worshiping in the same pew; and growing old together in the peace and joy that comes with knowing that we are walking together in the light of God's love.

When I first started as your bishop, one of our many wise Alaska elders said to me: "all folks really want from their bishop is to know he loves them." I do love you and this land recognizing that both are knit together. I pray my love for you has never been in question. It has been the easiest part of my ministry. It also has been the greatest joy of my calling as your bishop.

I pray that we will always go from strength to strength in the love we share in Christ.

God bless you as I have been blessed by you,

