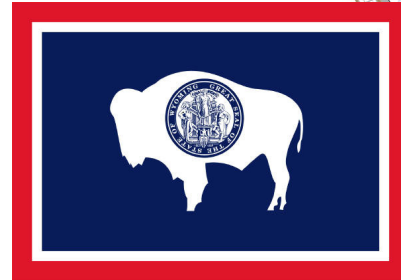


The Rev.
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LETTER TO
WYOMING



Friends,

Jill and I are excited to gather with many of you during the walkabout. We embrace the chance to listen to your concerns, to share your hopes and dreams and to celebrate the presence of God among us. We look forward to engaging the youth in conversation. We hope to hear the challenges your congregations face and we are honored to listen to your stories. This is a critical time for the Diocese of Wyoming; we are called to make a decision that will have an impact on us all for years to come. We are not a one-size-fits-all Diocese and I look forward to more fully discovering, celebrating and supporting the variety and diversity that is the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming.

I am thrilled that the Mustard Seed Mission idea I presented to the Foundation as a member of its board was approved and implemented. The Mustard Seed has inspired us to greater mission. When Mutual Ministry was being introduced throughout the church it was centered on our baptismal covenant which I believe remains a good centering place for us. It carried a theological assumption that God would provide in each congregation all that was necessary for us to carry out God's purpose for that congregation. I believe this is true at the congregational level and at the diocesan level.

Wyoming is a unique place full of natural resources, beautiful landscapes and strong independent people. To serve as your pastor would be an immense privilege. Our future is only limited by our vision so we pray we will listen to and follow God's vision for us. If elected as your next Bishop it will be a joy to discover, celebrate, work and live with you as we embrace the mission and purpose that God has for us at this time in our history together.

Warmly,

John

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