

A Blessing from the Christ Church Family

Recognizing that due to the non-scriptural actions of the leadership of The Episcopal Church (TEC) over the course of many years, many active members of Christ Episcopal Church feel they can no longer in good conscience remain as members of a church under the authority of TEC, and

Desiring that such individuals feel the freedom to follow their conscience and form or affiliate with a church body that does not have a connection with TEC, while simultaneously recommitting ourselves to the Core Values and mission of Christ Episcopal Church, and

Wanting to maintain right relationships and reconciled spirits among those wishing to leave Christ Episcopal Church and those intending to stay, and

Hoping to be able to continue in shared fellowship and ministry, and

Praying that God will continue to bless and cause His church to prosper both at Christ Episcopal Church and wherever those leaving will go next, and

Desiring above all that God would be glorified through our actions and attitudes, so that the world may know that we are his disciples by the love we have for one another:

NOW THEREFORE, the Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church, by unanimous vote on June 8, 2010, sends out with our blessing and love our brothers and sisters who wish to resign their membership in Christ Episcopal Church, with prayers to go in peace, to be fruitful and multiply, and to humbly remind ourselves that we are all members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of his eternal kingdom, that Jesus' desire is that we be one, even as he and the Father are one, and we commit ourselves to a continued attitude of Christian love and cooperation for the building up of Christ's church.