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A Note from the Dean on Women's Ministry

Dear Church Family,

With Deborah Leighton's departure, I wanted to write and update you on the process for identifying her replacement and plans for the time in the interim.

From the outset, I want our parish family to know of our commitment to women's ministry. Having met with the leadership of the women's ministry, we have together outlined a way forward to find a faithful woman to come and pastor the women of the Advent as the full-time Director. We are looking for a woman of conviction, character, and competency, and the best candidate may or may not be ordained. I hope you will agree with me and with the women's ministry leadership that we want the best woman, not simply the best ordained woman. Our hope is that we will have a number of lay and ordained candidates to consider for the position.

How can you help? Foremost, pray. Pray for the process and pray for the woman whom God will call to serve at the Advent. We are collecting names and engaging possible candidates, as well as others who may know possibilities. If you are aware of a strong candidate, please pass along her name to me or one of the clergy.

What will happen until a new Director of Women's Ministries is called?

- Deborah's departure does leave a pastoral hole, but I would commend to you Stella Schreiber, a licensed counselor who serves on our staff. Stella is faithful and capable – full of wisdom – and stands ready to help any and all, but especially our sisters in Christ.
- When it comes to the Bible studies and discipleship ministries of the Advent, these will continue under the lay leadership of the Women of the Advent. Thanks to the faithful ministry of previous directors and the women of our congregation, we are well-situated to carry on until a new Director is identified and called.

My hope and prayer is that we will have a new Director of Women's Ministries in place by January of 2020. Until then, please be in prayer for our search, the women's ministry, and our whole church family.

In Christ,

Andrew



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The Forum

This Sunday: Discussing Christian Mission

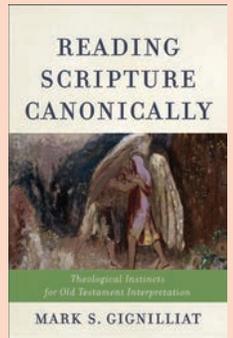
What is a missionary? Are they only people who do international evangelism work? What about the Great Commission in Matthew 28; does it apply to us? We will discuss this idea of Christian mission and some recent developments involving Global Teams, one of our mission partners, at the next meeting of The Forum this Sunday, August 18, 6:15 p.m. in Clingman Commons.

The Forum is a monthly fellowship and education program that meets following the Five O'Clock service with the purpose of building up our confidence in Jesus Christ and building our community. Each discussion also aims to be as practical as possible and is a good opportunity to invite visitors to join you at our church. Supper is provided, and families with children are welcome. For more information, contact Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com).

Advent Book Event

Mark Gignilliat to Discuss His New Book September 19

Join us for a discussion with Mark Gignilliat about his new book, *Reading Scripture Canonically: Theological Instincts for Old Testament Interpretation*, on Thursday, September 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The evening will include a brief description of the book's chief concerns, with the bulk of the time given to interaction with those in attendance. Mark serves as the Advent's Lay Canon Theologian as well as Professor of Divinity at Beeson Divinity School.



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Youth Ministry

Sr. High Sets Fall Retreat at Lake Winnataska

All 9th-12th graders are invited to our annual Senior High Fall Retreat at Camp Winnataska. We will leave Friday afternoon, September 6, and return Saturday afternoon, September 7. Register for the retreat at AdventBirmingham.org/Youth. Email Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

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