

***A Letter to the Friends and Families of the
Episcopal Churches in Key West from the Clergy:
The Very Rev. Donald Sullivan, the Rev. Larry D. Hooper,
and the Rev. Deacon Sarah Fowler***

Dear Friends and Families of St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church
and to the Community of Key West, Florida

Over the past few weeks we have had many prayerful conversations regarding the ministries within our two congregations and, specifically, the ministry of the Rev. Deacon Sarah Fowler.

Beginning October, 1, 2010, Deacon Fowler will serve both Episcopal congregations in Key West. This is an official announcement of what has been transpiring over the past few months. Deacon Fowler has long had ministries among many on the island and often there is overlapping along with the other unique ministries within the separate congregations. For instance, Deacon Fowler has been instrumental in the development and leadership of the separate chapters of the Daughters of the King in both congregations and at the same time working with different outreach programs in each.


While we have lightheartedly referred to Deacon Fowler as the "Deacon of Key West" it is time to make that a formality. Her title will be:

***The Reverend Sarah Fowler,
Deacon in Key West to
St. Peter's Episcopal Church and as
Associate Clergy for Pastoral Care at
St. Paul's Episcopal Church***

Deacon Fowler will be present for the Sunday worship services at St. Paul's on the first and fifth Sundays and other midweek services. She will also co-chair, along with a vestry member, the oversight of pastoral care within the congregation. While she will be present for pastoral care, along with Fr. Hooper, as a clergyperson, she will also assist Fr. Hooper with the development of lay pastoral ministries within St. Paul's. Deacon Fowler will be at St. Peter's Church on the second, third, and fourth Sundays, primarily to facilitate the developing ministries there which meet on those days after the morning worship services.

From a broader perspective, Deacon Fowler's joint ministry within both congregations highlights, again, the common ministry both congregations share on the island. It models a responsiveness to the needs within both communities of faith and the cooperation of both as a witness to the presence of the Body of Christ in ministry to Key West.

Faithfully yours,


The Very Rev. Donald Sullivan


The Rev. Larry D. Hooper


The Rev. Sarah Fowler