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Farewell to the Rev. Marcus Halley, Dean of Formation

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Congratulations and well wishes are in order for the Rev. Marcus Halley, who will be departing his position as ECCT's Dean of Formation to accept the appointment of College Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life at Trinity College. Marcus will begin his new role the beginning of August.

Of his time spent in ECCT Marcus said, "One of the things I've enjoyed about working with ECCT is the willingness to try new things. Together with our bishops and Commission on Ministry, we've made great strides in raising the visibility of lay leaders and supporting the ministry of all the baptized in the new missional age. I will miss doing this work in this particular way, but look forward to continuing to support our diocese in raising up and forming leaders—lay and ordained—for God's church in the new missional age."

"Working with Marcus has been life-giving and joy-filled for me," said the Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan. "His innovative thinking as well as his pastoral and encouraging care for persons in the formation process have been two beacons of his ministry. I am over joyed that we will continue to walk with him in his role as Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life at Trinity College, a ministry that has traditionally been very active in the life and ministry of The Episcopal Church. Several clergy and lay leaders in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut came into their awareness of their call to ministry during their time at Trinity College. With Marcus at Trinity, I know the mission field for lay and ordained ministries for God's mission will continue to thrive!"

"I am delighted for Marcus and Trinity College as he begins his new ministry as College Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life," said the Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Bishop Diocesan. "I believe his call to Trinity is an inspired choice for an historically identified Episcopal college looking to the future. In his relatively short tenure as our Dean of Formation Marcus has helped ECCT to clarify our processes related to individuals pursuing ordination while at the same time challenging us to redouble our efforts on the formation of all the baptized. I look forward to our ongoing collaboration with Marcus and Trinity College in raising up lay and ordained leaders for this new missional age."

Marcus will complete his last work day as staff of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut July 21. The bishops and canons of ECCT, in consultation with the leadership of the Commission on Ministry, will soon consider how best to support the individuals and programs overseen by the Dean of Formation so that disciples and apostles can continue to form in God's mission. The Episcopal Church in Connecticut is thankful for the time we had with Marcus, and rejoice that he will continue to be a companion in God's mission here in Connecticut and a priest of the diocese.

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