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# The Rev. David Robert Green, D. Min., AOJN

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Dear saints of Gabriel,

After several months of discernment and prayerful consideration, and with the consultation and blessing of Bishop +Kevin, I have decided to resign as Rector of St. Gabriel's, Douglassville, in order to better address personal and family issues and needs.

St. Gabriel's is a very special parish with deep roots in the soil of history and beautiful blossoms of creative mission and ministry in our own day. It was truly my honor and privilege to serve with you and our friends in the ecumenical community during the past five years.

I enter retirement a year earlier than expected, but with excitement to pursue other interests, especially composing music. I will continue to serve in the church in some capacity wherever we live. I leave St. Gabriel's with deep joy and with profound gratitude.

Henri Nouwen, one of my favorite contemporary spiritual writers, once said, "Friendship has always belonged to the core of my spiritual journey." As I've often said to you, to be friends with God and friends with one another is the greatest blessing I can imagine. Our friendship is precious and you will always remain in my heart.

In the love of Christ,

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