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To be read at all services and distributed via all online channels to the parish of Church of the Advent, Colwood/Langford, on Sunday, December 5, 2021

Friends,

I write with news today asking for your patience and grace. Your new incumbent, The Rev Ingrid Andersen, will be unable to join the parish as planned on January 1, 2022, but rest assured, she's still coming.

Last minute US Immigration requirements mean that the expedited Canadian work visa track won't be available as planned. Fortunately, Ingrid has an experienced immigration lawyer working on her behalf. While we do not yet know when her visa will be processed, I can assure you that Ingrid will arrive at the earliest possible time permitted.

In the meantime, The Ven Penelope Kingham will preside at Sunday worship beginning January 9, 2022. Penelope will be functioning as a Sunday locum only until Ingrid arrives. She won't be providing ministry during the week. However, you have capable wardens, an excellent parish administrator, and the warm guidance of the Rev Colleen Lissamer to steer you through this period.

In my correspondence with Ingrid her primary concern was for the parish. She expressed regret that after two years of pandemic-related stress and uncertainty, that this latest "hiccup" will disappoint you further and she is holding you close to her heart. She is fully committed to being with you as soon as she is permitted.

The synod office staff is here to support you as needed.

Peace,

The Right Rev Anna Greenwood-Lee
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