



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP OF NIAGARA

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

September 24, 2026

**TO THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HAMILTON
TO BE READ AT ALL SERVICES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026**

I am pleased to announce that the Reverend Irene Kariuki has accepted my offer to serve as assistant curate at St. John the Evangelist, Hamilton, on a half-time basis (20 hours per week), beginning October 18, 2026, for a period of two years.

Irene is a graduate of Carlile College of Theological and Business Studies in Nairobi, Kenya, where she earned a Diploma in Theology in 2016. Following her graduation, she served as a chaplain in the Diocese of Machakos of the Anglican Church of Kenya for six years before immigrating to Canada in 2023. Prior to this, Irene served for 10 years as a teacher, chaplain, and Director of Operations at Msingi Junior School in Embakasi, Nairobi. She also earned a Diploma in Education in 2005 and, in 1997, a Diploma in Nurse Aide from Mwea Medical Hospital in Kenya. Irene is multilingual and speaks Swahili, Kikuyu, and English.

This appointment enables Irene to continue to broaden her training and experience of parish ministry in Niagara. I am grateful to the Reverend Andrew Rampton for his willingness to support this placement and provide helpful opportunities for Irene's ongoing learning and formation for ministry. Significant funding for this position will be provided by the diocese through the 150th Anniversary Curacy Fund, as an investment in the leadership of our present and future Church.

Please remember Irene in your prayers as she prepares for her ministry in your midst, and be assured of my steadfast prayers for you, the people of St. John the Evangelist.

Sincerely,

Bishop of Niagara

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The Reverend Andrew Rampton
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