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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is my joy to announce today that several positions on the synod staff have been filled:

- **The Rev. Dr. Jack Horner**, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Mount Kisco, has accepted the call to serve as Director for Evangelical Mission.
- **The Rev. Kathleen Koran**, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Brewster, has accepted the call to serve as Assistant to the Bishop for Congregations.
- **The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Linman**, Associate Professor of Ascetical Theology and Director of the Center for Christian Spirituality at General Theological Seminary, has accepted the call to serve as Assistant to the Bishop for Formation.
- **The Rev. Dr. Gary Mills**, Interim Assistant to the Bishop, has accepted the call to serve as Assistant to the Bishop for Global and Multicultural Mission.

I will be in touch with you in the future about how these positions will relate to the synod. For now, we ask that you keep these pastors in your prayers as they transition into new roles. We look forward to installing them as staff members at our upcoming Synod Assembly.

Blessings to you this Eastertide!

Bishop Robert Alan Rimbo