



Diocese of Utah

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For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...
Ecclesiastes 3:1 NRSV

Dear People of The Episcopal Diocese of Utah:

With the words from Ecclesiastes above, I announce to you that I will be retiring / resigning as your bishop. The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, the bishop for pastoral care for The Episcopal Church has already met with The Standing Committee and staff to go over the process of transition.

The date of the election for the new bishop has not been firmly set yet, but it will be held in the spring of 2021, possibly on April 24. The date of the ordination / consecration of the new bishop has been firmly set on the Presiding Bishop's calendar for October 9, 2021, two years from today.

The Standing Committee has authority and oversight of the search and transition process. Information about how this will unfold will be coming from them. I cannot be a part of that process as it would be inappropriate for me to insert myself and try to guide it in any way. I may be consulted along the way but that would be by invitation only.

I pledge to you that I will be diligent in my responsibilities of being your bishop until the ordination of the new bishop of our diocese. Being your bishop has been and continues to be a blessing and joy that I never expected to have in my life. Thank you for this. I ask your prayers for me and Amy as we face into this time. I ask your prayers for our whole diocese and especially the Standing Committee as they navigate the way ahead.

Faithfully,

+ Scott B. Hansen