

Dear Epiphany Episcopal Church,

I am delighted to accept the vestry's call to serve as your next Rector. Since my first conversation with Shawn about Epiphany, I have felt called to you, your parish, and your ministry in Odenton. My sense of call only increased as I met with your Search Committee and Vestry. I have never experienced an interview process so filled with grace, prayer, and the Holy Spirit's presence! I firmly believe God has brought us together for this new chapter in our ministries. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us.

While I am originally from Texas, all my ordained ministry has occurred in the Diocese of Maryland. My first position out of seminary was as the Associate Rector at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Towson. Since then, I have served as a chaplain at Gilchrist Hospice Care and the Johns Hopkins Hospital and, most recently, as the Interim Rector at St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church in Severna Park. My ministry with St. Martin's will conclude at the end of July, and my family and I will join you on Sunday, August 4.

My husband, Scott, is a Baltimore native. Scott is the principal at Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts in Dundalk. Scott and I have a five-year-old son, Noah, who will start kindergarten in the fall. When your Search Committee invited me to tour the church, I could immediately imagine my family at Epiphany.

I am so excited to begin serving in ministry with you in August. You have been in my prayers since February, when I submitted my application materials. Please know that you continue to be in my prayers.

Christ's peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joshua A. Rodriguez-Hobbs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a star symbol between the first and last names.

The Rev. Joshua Rodriguez-Hobbs