



*"I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service." 1 Timothy 1:12*

Dear Friends,

What an exciting time to be part of The Village Church here in Rancho Santa Fe! This congregation is loving, kind, tough, and determined. With the clear mission of Following Jesus for Life, you have nourished this community with a heart and soul that reflects Christ's love. You are all doing marvelous work for the kingdom.

After retiring in May of 2021, I never imagined God would have another assignment for me. Serving this congregation as an Interim Associate has been a thrill and a joy. My goal has been to help our church continue to grow towards a healthier, more vibrant, and capable staff and elevate our professional standards to reflect an excellence that glorifies God. The Village Church has been blessed with a vital and thriving congregation and an incredible staff. I have witnessed the staff grow in abilities, faith, creativity, collegiality, and commitment to serving the kingdom through service to you. And we will continue to grow and hone our relationships and leadership in each ministry area.

I am honored to help pave the way for the permanent Associate Pastor. Your leaders are working hard to discern the next most faithful steps. The Presbyterian Church's beautiful polity involves a deliberate and thorough process. If you wish to learn more details about the process, you can access them on this website.

I have communicated with the Transition Team that I am committed to this congregation until the marvelous occasion of a new permanent Associate Pastor becomes a reality. Then, we will all celebrate together! Until then, I will continue to serve you in worship, counsel, care, and friendship.

Warmly,

Rev. Janice Y. Cook