

Statement From Selection Committee

Presented to the Community by Chris Ambidge
Chair, Advisory Board

The decision to appoint the Rev'd Steven Mackison follows the unanimous recommendation to Bishop Kevin from the Selection Committee—Lee Shouldice, Chris Ambidge, Sheree Drummond, Ann Cope and Ryan Carlsen. We are very pleased and excited that Canon Mackison has accepted Bishop Kevin's offer, and will be joining us in August.

Not surprisingly, given who we are as a community, we had a rich pool of diverse applicants and interviewees. In making the recommendation to Bishop Kevin that Steven be appointed our Incumbent we want you to know that the decision was reached through a time of prayerful, careful, discernment. In listening attentively to both the yearnings of this community of faith, and who we believe God is calling us to be as God's beloved people, we saw in this priest the best person who could walk alongside us, sometimes leading, sometimes following, as together we are the Church at this corner.

Steven brings to Redeemer 22 years of experience of ordained ministry and shares our commitment to inspired worship, social justice, and creating a diverse and inclusive community. He has a passion for liturgical excellence, a demonstrated commitment to collaborating with Indigenous communities and other faith communities, and a genuine 'heart for the poor'. The Selection Committee was deeply struck by how much his experience and values resonate with our 'Redeemer ethos'. We are confident that when you meet him that you will feel the same way.

We would like to express our gratitude to you—the Redeemer community—for holding us in your prayers through this time, and for the many ways that you have continued, and will continue, to support and encourage ministry at Redeemer.

This is a wonderfully exciting moment for the Church of the Redeemer. In closing, the members of the Committee will be happy to chat with you about our new Incumbent.