

## **NEWS RELEASE**

There was great joy and excitement on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at the Maxwell Convention Center in Goldsboro, NC, during the 142 Annual Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina. The Rev. Sarah Fisher, Rector of St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Marietta, GA, was elected as Bishop-Elect in the Diocese of East Carolina. Sarah will serve as the IX Bishop of East Carolina.

In the days and weeks to come, Sarah will be forced to make many decisions regarding her transition from a parish priest in the Diocese of Atlanta to her new role as Bishop-Elect and move to East Carolina. She must say goodbye to her members of her parish, friends and colleagues in Atlanta and decide where she and her wife, Mandy will make their new home amongst us.

In the days since her election, there have been well-wishes from all over the country reaching out to Sarah to congratulate her. I know there have been many from East Carolina who have chosen to contact her with telephone calls, countless texts and emails. That is a fine and appropriate thing to do, to welcome someone into our midst.

The Standing Committee would like to honor her time in leaving Marietta. To create a space that allows her to say goodbye, without any pressure to make decisions about work in East Carolina, until she moves here next spring. We want to make her move and transition as easy as possible. Although it is too soon to work out the date when she will begin her work with us, you will be notified of her official starting date. The Standing Committee asks that should you have requests for Sarah's time, please direct all inquiries to the Office of the Bishop, at Diocesan House. We ask that you please not contact Sarah directly regarding matters of ministry as it relates to her position as Bishop-Elect.

We thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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