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Greetings friends in Christ,

I am writing to officially announce that I am requesting voluntary retirement effective at the end of the next session of the Jurisdictional Conference. I have prayerfully considered this decision and feel that it is in the best interest of the church and my family not to take another episcopal assignment in order to continue serving until 2024 (my mandatory retirement date). It has been my distinct honor to serve the people of the Philadelphia Area since 2008. Thank you for the grace you have extended to me and my spouse, Michael. I appreciate your faithful service to the Lord and I will hold you in my heart always.

Sincerely,

*Peggy A. Johnson*

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