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Dear Westminster Family,

In this, my twenty-third year at Westminster Church, I have made the bittersweet decision to retire, my last Sunday of service being May 27, 2018. Much thought and deliberation have gone into this decision.

With a life philosophy that one should autograph one's work with excellence, I've always aspired to end my career riding on the crest of the wave. With Westminster's wonderful current leadership, musical talent and planned programming, the coming year promises to be one of my best. This is my fifty-third year as a professional church musician: almost half of those years have been spent at WPC. How glorious they have been, personally, spiritually and musically! Your constant love and support have made my life so much richer.

I make this announcement now in order that Westminster have ample time to find my replacement. I am happy to help in that process in any way the church deems appropriate. As the months unfold and as we write this final chapter of my church music career together, it is my deep desire that this time be filled with abundant joy, happiness, love and lots and lots of soul-stirring, inspiring music!

"The flowers, the gorgeous, mystic, multi-colored flowers are not the flowers of life, but people, yes people are the true flowers of life: and it has been a most precious treasure to have temporarily strolled in your garden." (Unknown)

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Director of Music/Organist. It has been my profound honor and one that I shall treasure for the rest of my life.

With love and boundless gratitude,


Jim Mismas
Director of Music/Organist
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