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Christ Church Greenwich Calls The Rev'd Marek Zabriskie as New Rector

**The public is invited to meet the 10th Rector of Christ Church Greenwich
at the Great Fall Gathering on September 16**

Greenwich, CT - August 27, 2018 - The Rev'd Marek Zabriskie has accepted the call to be the 10th Rector of Christ Church Greenwich, effective November 4, 2018, as announced by the Wardens and Vestry of the historic Greenwich church today.

George Belshaw, Junior Warden of the 270-year-old church said, "Marek is an excellent fit for Christ Church Greenwich in so many ways: he is pastoral, a powerful preacher, personable, passionate about spiritual leadership, and an accomplished leader. This is such an exciting time for our parish. We invite everyone to meet Marek at the Great Fall Gathering, our program year kick-off event on Sunday, September 16, which starts with a joyous worship service at 10 am. The theme for this year's event is *Welcome to the Neighborhood* - enjoy community, food, and family fun with bouncy castles, pony rides, and games."

A powerful speaker and respected spiritual leader, Zabriskie has served as Rector of St. Thomas Church, Whitmarsh in Fort Washington, PA, since 1995. Prior to his time in PA, he served as the Associate Rector at St. James's Episcopal Church in Richmond, VA, and as the Assistant to the Rector at St. George's Episcopal Church in Nashville, TN. Originally from Detroit, MI, Zabriskie studied philosophy at Emory University and trained for the priesthood at Yale and Berkeley Divinity Schools. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1990.

Zabriskie has published and edited several books, including *The Bible Challenge*, a popular study guide, with well over a million users worldwide, that helps people read the entire Bible in a year. He created the Center for Biblical Studies to promote The Bible Challenge nationally and globally.

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He is also a member of the Compass Rose Society, which assists the Archbishop of Canterbury, and he has been invited to preach throughout the United States and overseas. Zabriskie has led pilgrimages in Spain on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela and is actively involved in developing the Anglican center at Compostela. Zabriskie and his wife, Mims, a partner at the law firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, have three daughters, Emily, Marguerite, and Isabelle who are 31, 23, and 20.

Zabriskie shared, "When I heard that Christ Church Greenwich was seeking a new Rector, I felt the Spirit speak deeply to me about this parish, a flagship of the Episcopal Church. I am grateful to the Vestry and Wardens for the opportunity to serve. There is no limit to what the wonderful people of Greenwich can do with God's help in and through this remarkable church."

After a thorough and extensive search process at the end of a year of transition during which The Rev'd John Branson served as Interim Rector, the Vestry of Christ Church Greenwich voted unanimously to invite Zabriskie to be their next rector. Senior Warden Randy Schwimmer is thrilled: "Marek's vision for Christ Church Greenwich reinforced our own in a phenomenal way. It was quickly clear to us that he is a dynamic priest who will lead us into an exciting future."

Christ Church Greenwich is one of New England's oldest and largest Episcopal churches. Established as a congregation in 1749, it is a lively community of faith composed of people with diverse backgrounds and spiritual journeys. Christ Church Greenwich offers opportunities for worship, celebration, music, youth and adult education, outreach, and pastoral care.

Christ Church Greenwich is also the home of the [Courage & Faith](#) speaker series, [Christ Church Music](#), [Christ Church Books & Gifts](#), and [Christ Church Nursery School](#). The historic ten-acre campus and facilities benefit the greater Greenwich community by hosting thousands of meetings, concerts, and events every year, and housing vital community service programs including Alcoholics Anonymous and Neighbor to Neighbor.

The mission of Christ Church Greenwich is to seek and serve God in all persons, and to provide spiritual nourishment for all who journey to find a sacred home for worship, personal growth, service, and community.

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