## ENGLISH DISTRICT

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Friends in Christ,

I often give thanks to God as I think of you and your faith in the Lord and His work. Thanks so much for all the texts, emails, notes, and calls and, specifically, for all the encouragement that you have given me through this prayerful deliberation process. I have been so blessed to be in such a wonderful district where the work of the Lord is at the forefront of all we do as Christ is proclaimed and the neighbor is loved.

After prayerful consideration and many conversations with trusted advisors, I have concluded that the skills that God has given me are best used as President of the Concordia University System (CUS). I am accepting the call to be the next president of the CUS. Please know, being Bishop/President of the English District has been the highlight of my career and a great joy over the last nine years. My love for the district is as strong now as it was when I first became Bishop. I will be making my transition over the next two months and will complete all my tasks as bishop, which include ordaining four men into the office of the Holy Ministry and installing three other men at their parishes. Rev. Jeff Miskus will assume responsibility for the district on August 1st. Please continue to pray for the work of the district, the mission of the church, and the continued growth and expansion of the Concordia University System.

In His service,

Rev. Dr. Jamison J. Hardy

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