

The Rev. Greg Kimura Ph.D. - Application Cover Letter

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Bishop Search Committee
Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Greg Kimura. I am a fourth-generation Japanese American and third-generation Episcopalian (Grandparents Bill and Minnie converted in a WWII JA incarceration camp). Originally from Alaska, I have lived the last fourteen years in Southern and Northern California serving the church, as well as in a secular job.

I was nominated by the Rev. Dn. Tom Hampson, who I came to know through a “civil discourse and the church” conference I organised in the Diocese of LA. We got to know each other through work with immigrants and as representatives to the Episcopal Public Policy Network for the six dioceses in California. Tom felt my experience as a leader of a national civil rights museum, ministry in a large diocese with an urban and rural divide (Alaska), and outreach to English-speaking, Spanish-speaking, and Alaska Native/Native American congregations in California and Alaska would be a good fit for EDSJ.

After prayer and discussion with Joy, my wife of 33 years, and family, I humbly submit the attached materials for your consideration. My prayers are with you in this important and difficult process of selecting your next bishop.

Faithfully,

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The Rev. Greg Kimura, PhD (Cantab.)