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Dear friends in Christ:

I'm writing this letter to keep you informed about my post parish ministry setting. Many of you have been asking what I will be doing and whether we will be staying in Topeka. It is with great delight that I share with you that Dr. David Blakely, one of the founding partners of Heritage Mental Health Clinic, offered me - and I accepted - a partnership in their practice.

The clinic is a group medical practice with two psychiatrists, a clinical psychologist and three social workers. I will be joining the practice in order to complement their work with couples and families and to widen their role with people of faith in our community. Heritage is the gold standard for private mental health practice in Topeka.

It's a top tier medical practice that will allow me to blend the clinical and the theological in the work of bringing healing and hope to individuals, couples and families with mental illness. This setting will afford me the support I need for the business of therapy and place me in a collegial setting with other clinicians for referrals and consultation. It's a good match for Heritage because I bring experience, connections in the community and a distinct approach to the treatment of mental illness.

My decision to retire from parish ministry was grounded in my sense that God was moving me out of the congregation in order to widen the reach of my pastoral counseling work. I count this a great opportunity and blessing from God. To say that I am excited is an understatement!

I continue to pray for you and for what God has for you in bringing a new shepherd to guide your way forward.

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Dr. Neil Buono
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