

**Subject:** Our Journey

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Ed,

It's hard to believe our journey together is coming to an end. I am one of the few people who can say I've been with you the longest. When our search committee began looking through the resumes, your packet was in my pile. And you rose to the top immediately. I remember our phone interview very well. And I was excited to meet you in person for your rehearsal/audition with the choir.

As I think back to the experiences we have had together - Europe, Middle East, Feast, major works, solos, and our regular Sunday mornings, I feel blessed to have been under your direction these past eleven years. You have taken me on a journey that has stretched me as a choir member, a musician, and as a person.

You have taken our church through a time of change (and change, and change!) and we have been blessed for it.

I would not be truthful if I said I didn't see this coming. I guess you could say God has been planting the seeds of change for several months now. It is sometimes hard to "let go and let God", but it is also exciting to see what He has in store for you next. And I wouldn't be truthful if I said I wasn't concerned that you are leaving without having a job to go to. But, I know that if we are listening to God's call, He will have that all under control.

I will be honored to walk the rest of your journey with you. God's peace be with you!

Margaret

PS - I have reviewed your website - VERY nice! And, I need to tell you that I like the picture of you on your site so much better than the picture on your resume eleven years ago. Your current picture tells so much more about

the Ed we have come to know and love.