

Message From the Rector

Dear Immanuel Church Family,

Greetings in Jesus' name! My name is Rev. Eimsook Joung. Please call me Eimsook! I am so excited to be in Regina, and I am preparing myself to serve Immanuel Anglican church as your first Rector from the 1st of November 2023. I am a woman of Faith, and I am learning the secret of prayer and obedience. I bring with me a genuine Christian experience of serving God in many countries; and most recently in the Diocese of the Arctic. I hope to build on the good work that has been going on with you in Immanuel church. I thank God for all those who have served you in the past.

I was attracted to Immanuel church because 5 parishes united to become **One**. Praise God; this is wonderful! Jesus prayed to the Father in John 17:21 that **His "disciples might be one."** Unity is so important for the health and growth of the Church. I will strive to work for our unity and celebrate our diversity.

In my ministry, I will focus on the 5 Apostolic Marks of the Church found in the New Testament.

1. **Worship:** That is joyful, imaginative, participatory, and relevant.
2. **Discipleship:** That is developing our relationship with Jesus as life-long learners. We have to learn to be: Teachable, Available and Useable in the hands of God.
3. **Fellowship:** Building healthy relationships and the common life of our community.
4. **Charism or Giftedness:** God has lavishly blessed Immanuel church with many gifts we must identify, nurture, and release these gifts for the work of God.
5. **God's Mission:** Engaging with God's world with the good news of Jesus expressed in Word and Deed.

This is our collective responsibility! We will do it with God's help.

I look forward to meeting all of you on Sunday, the 5th of November 2023. I want you to pray for me. Before I left Fort Simpson, I took the Covid 19 vaccination, and my body has had an extreme reaction. My body is shaking like Parkinson's. The doctors tell me this will cease but it is most uncomfortable! God's grace is sufficient for me.

Shalom!

Your Rector,

Eimsook Joung