

To the Congregation of St. Barnabas,

It is with a heavy heart that I am announcing my departure as secretary of St. Barnabas Church. I have been accepted into a two-year nursing assistant program, which I will start at the beginning of October. My last day will be Thursday, September 25th, 2014.

I have had a wonderful 18 months here. My favourite part of the job was getting to know and enjoying the company of all the parishioners. You have inspired me to become a better person, and have restored my belief in the strength of being a good Christian. It was from this experience, that I realized my true calling is in helping others, and I would like to thank all of you for believing in me.

Working with Pamela has been unbelievable. She is the strongest woman I have ever met, and gracefully takes everything on with passion and vision. Pamela has taught me how important it is to mindfully listen to people and to be compassionate, without fail. I will miss her laugh, and her warm and welcoming personality.

To all the other people I worked with, St. Clair, Alexander, and the Wardens, thank you for supporting me, and thanks for your patience as I learned the ropes. I had fun, and felt really cared for and blessed. Not many people come away from a job feeling that.

I have gained so much more than I gave with this job, and I am eternally grateful. I will still be working on the website, and I will visit and continue following my other passion of taking pictures of your beautiful faces.



Rowena

Pamela's simple, second annual
SUMMER-TIME BENEDICTION:

Love the journey.

God is with you.

Come home safe and sound.

(Anne Lamott, *Travelling Mercies*, 2000)