

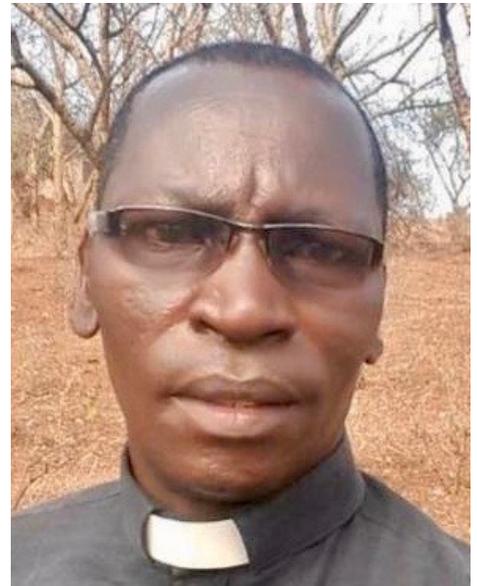
May 2022

Dear Friends and Family of St. Matthew,

It is with great excitement and humility that I have appointed Fr. Hilary Njoroge as Priest Associate of St. Matthew effective immediately. Some of you already know Fr. Hilary as a fellow parishioner and Vestry Member. With this new appointment, Fr. Hilary now joins the staff (though in a non-stipendiary position) and vacates his position on the Vestry.

Fr. Hilary was ordained in 1988 and is currently a priest of the Anglican Church of Kenya. Since immigrating to the United States four years ago, Hilary has discerned the call to transfer his orders to the American church and is now in the process to being fully received as an *Episcopal* priest. To be clear, Fr. Hilary is already a priest and is not being re-ordained. Rather, what he is doing is akin to a citizen from one country becoming a citizen of another.

Several months ago, Fr. Hilary began having conversations with our bishop about transferring from the Kenyan church to ours. Since then, I have been asked to mentor Fr. Hilary and supervise his learning process to familiarize him with how the priesthood functions in our American context and to provide opportunities for him to become more comfortable with the cultural differences between Kenya and here.



Beginning May 11th, Fr. Hilary enters into a 6-month supervisory period where he will take part in all aspects of ordained ministry here at St. Matthew including celebrating the Holy Eucharist, preaching, teaching, and pastoral care all in rotation with me. He and I will also have intentional learning sessions covering aspects of parish administration, church polity, and cultural case studies.

Although Fr. Hilary will be gaining much in this process, we at St. Matthew will have the great honor and privilege of being in the midst of an extremely experienced and faithful priest who will care for, teach, and inspire all of us in our time together.

Please join me in welcoming Fr. Hilary and his wife, Susan, to this new stage of ministry here at St. Matthew!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kendall Haynes". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Fr. Kendall Haynes
Rector