

**RESOLUTION OF THE VESTRY**

**ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND**

WHEREAS, the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, and the Vestry of St. Simon's on the Sound, have all recognized the importance of caring for the clergy and for developing the clergy professionally and spiritually;

WHEREAS, the priest's responsibilities to serve others in the parish and perform duties for the church have few boundaries, in scope of work or in the time required to perform such responsibilities;

WHEREAS, the continued spiritual development and education of the priest is essential to the priest, as shepherd, to lead his or her flock;

WHEREAS, adequate and designated time for study, prayer, and Bible reading is fundamental to the spiritual development and education of the priest, and time outside of the office for sermon preparation is a part of the priest's Letter of Agreement with St. Simon's;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that for the remainder of 2021, the Vestry of St. Simon's on the Sound does hereby support its priest using one day of the work week to be set aside for study, prayer, sermon preparation, contemplation, and active engagement in other inward spiritual disciplines of the Christian faith.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2021,

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Michelle Anchors, Warden

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Elizabeth LaFollette, Clerk of the Vestry