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Plymouth Church Names Al Bunis as New Assistant Minister

*Church Member and Brooklyn Heights Resident Moves from Seminary
to Newly Created Ministerial Position*

Brooklyn, July 29, 2010. Plymouth Church, the historic landmark Congregational Church in Brooklyn Heights, is pleased to announce that local resident Al Bunis has been named to the newly created position of Assistant Minister. Bunis, a member of Plymouth since 1998, is a seminarian at New York Theological Seminary, where he is scheduled to receive his Master of Divinity next spring. Over the past year, he has served as Minister in Training at Christ Church, a United Church of Christ congregation in Summit, NJ.

In searching for a new minister, the Plymouth congregation is responding to significant growth in membership. Rev. David C. Fisher, Senior Minister of

Plymouth Church, helped lead the search committee “at a critical juncture,” as he describes it. “The church has grown rapidly and needs to restructure our ministry in order to grow in a healthy way. The addition of an Assistant Minister is a large first step, and Al Bunis’s appointment is an exciting beginning to this new chapter.”

The role of Assistant Minister at Plymouth will encompass the development and implementation of the church’s small group ministry and an expanded youth program, including confirmation classes. Bunis will also be active in supporting the assimilation of new members, teaching Adult Education classes and leading public worship. The Plymouth Search Committee was unanimous in selecting him for this multi-dimensional role. As noted in the recent letter that Rev. Fisher and Plymouth Council President Sandra Deming sent to the congregation, “[The committee] was so impressed with Al’s character, passion and potential for ministry at Plymouth, it decided Al is the right person for the job and we should look no further.”

Al and his wife Lynn Bunis live in Brooklyn Heights with their children Alison and Gregory. Alongside his seminary studies, he has had an extensive career in New York-based financial services. An avid tennis player, Bunis also serves on the board of the New York Junior Tennis League.

Plymouth Church, with Rev. Dr. David C. Fisher as its Senior Minister, is a vibrant community of faith in historic Brooklyn Heights. For 163 years, Plymouth Church has been a vital presence in New York City, and in 1961, the church sanctuary was designated a National Historic Landmark. Aware of its unique history and influence, Plymouth continues to serve the community with regular worship services, the Plymouth Church School (preschool) and summer camp, choral music for adults and children, Christian education for all ages, and charitable programs for those in need. For more information, please call 718-624-4743 or visit www.plymouthchurch.org.
