

November 11, 2021

Priest-in-Charge Report **Submitted November 18, 2021**

"The more you practice the art of thankfulness, the more you have to be thankful for."

1. Diocesan Convention The joint convention of the Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan was held October 29-30 at the Convention Center in Lansing. Ironically, the Joint-Convention of two dioceses was held in a third (The Diocese of Michigan).

The Right Reverend Prince Singh, the current Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester was elected as the Bishop Provisional for a period of 3-5 years. Bishop Singh is a senior Bishop having served for 14 years in his current position. He will begin his duties after his leave-taking in Rochester, currently understood to be late February.

Jelesia Geraghty and I were elected to three-year terms on the Standing Committee and Dr. Elizabeth Jordan was re-elected as a member of the Diocesan Council. In the Diocese of Eastern Michigan, members of the Standing Committee are also members of the Council.

A resolution was unanimously adopted indicating that the dioceses are opposed to any impediments to authorized citizens voting. The statement was in direct opposition to legislation and a current petition movement.

The 2022 convention will be held in the same location on the same weekend.

2. Affirm I wish to commend the work of TaMara, Becky, and Walt as a recommendation is presented to the Vestry this evening on live streaming. I affirm the proposal as presented.

3. Recommendation I submitted a recommendation within the Technological Report for the purchase of a new computer for the Rector's office and for the Director of Music's office.

4. As per custom As per the custom of St. Paul's, the Vestry will not meet in December but will be "on-call." In the event that a meeting is needed, I will call it. The next meeting of the Vestry will follow the Annual Meeting.

5. Call In accordance with our by-laws, I hereby announce and call the Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Episcopal Parish of Flint, Michigan to be held, beginning with Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM on Sunday, January 23, 2022. Reports are due January 15, 2022, and will be posted online as they are received. Those who desire a printed report will be asked to inform the office.

6. Heather I am pleased with the work the Vestry has done with Heather and I am grateful to each of you for your presence and participation. I believe that one or two more "talking" sessions about the recent unpleasantness would benefit the Vestry as a corporate body as well as the individual members thereof. I make this suggestion because I care for each of you and because I do not want another Vestry to go through what happened to all the people involved in the past. Systems can be broken, but only with searching honesty.

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7. Vacation Marcie and I will be out of town from December 27-30, 2021. This short trip will not involve a Sunday.

8. Calendar We have a Master Calendar. Let us all do all we can to make sure the calendar is up to date all the time. If your group changes a meeting time or day, please let me know. Please check the calendar to make sure your group's listing is correct.

9. Thank you My thanks to Holly for the most recent Music in the City evening and Audrey and group for the most recent Art Walk evening.

10. Your thoughts? I like to thank people. I do not see showing appreciation and showing favoritism or placing one person above another, but I am open to your thoughts. I would like to revive the giving of the Rector's Cross, and I would like to add Body Builders. Don't be concerned this has nothing to do with a gym. Body Builders are those folks who through their work and ministry within and without the church build-up the Body of Christ. This could be the folks who serve every Tuesday in providing food; Joan and the Altar Guild; Tim and our Lectors, Eucharistic Visitors and Ministers; or how about Barbara who calls people and Carole and the Angel Tree. This parish needs to show appreciation to our wonderful people. I am interested in what you all think about that.

11. Comcast Update On Thursday, November 11, 2021, the final piece of the Comcast installation should take place. It will then be up to me to re-program where it is needed, and make sure that we have connections restored everywhere in the building. If you have any questions, please consult the Technology report, or ask me.

Thanksgiving Blessings to all,

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