

It has been wonderful to see new people worshiping with us. They are all seeking God's love and we need to extend our own love to them. Another thing that has been happening is the ability to offer both the bread and wine. This has opened the opportunity for all of us to become more fully engaged in the service. Please consider serving at the altar, as ushers, bringing forth the elements for communion, coffee hour hosts and readers. A sign up sheet is at the welcome center.

Finally, we have had our first meeting with the Rev Tracie Little, Canon to the Ordinary, and we will select parishioners for our search committee at our April meeting. Initially we thought we would have an application but that is not something she recommends. Thus, the vestry needs to pray and discern members that they believe will be able to work together in the search process.

Bring names of those members you feel will be able to help with this important work. We will have an opportunity to share everyone's suggestions and bring forth the names of those people that have made it known they would like to serve. As discussed with Canon Tracie, we may want to consider people with a specific skill for one particular task. It is recommended to have a committee of 7-12 people on the committee. Additional people can serve on a subcommittee if needed to accomplish a specific task. We can discuss that further at the vestry meeting.

Even though we are not meeting with Partners until June 2, I believe the search committee can begin some initial work and then incorporate what we learn from the Community Asset Mapping event later.

I can't believe we have had Fr Davidson with us since September. Time is going by quickly and even though Canon Tracie is telling us to take our time we need to get started. I think it is always hard to move from the idea phase to the work phase. With the Holy Spirit as our guide let's begin the work.

We will include all the information Rev Tracie gave us at the meeting so you can review on the vestry page. Please pray for the guidance we need to select our search committee.

Here is an outline of the search committee selection process. Please review and we can adjust it needed during the meeting.

1. Names of those that have asked to serve
2. Decision of number from vestry 1 or 2 people
3. Each vestry person will be asked to contribute a name
4. Look at the diversity of the group- long time member, recent member, past experience with search process, different ages, youth, involvement in various ministries, minority member
5. Decide on size of committee and suggestions for those needed for specific tasks.
6. If anyone is uncomfortable with a person selected, please share your concern but only if it could make a difference in their ability to be open minded, keep confidences and willing to be guided by our Lord.
7. I am checking on the rules of conflict of interest with Rev Tracie. We do know we can not have family members serving together. I am clarifying those that have diocesan responsibilities.

For his sake, Barbara Mannor