



## 150TH STEERING COMMITTEE VESTRY REPORT - MAY 24, 2023

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### STEERING COMMITTEE PRIORITIES

The first meeting of our steering committee took place on November 11, 2021. The conversation was guided by the recognition that the anniversary represented an opportunity to open doors, welcome neighbors, share gifts, and build community. The opportunity would be lost if St. Paul's approached the anniversary as simply a parish event, for, by, and about us. We committed to ensuring that every activity and program would be centered around opportunities to build relationships and engage in meaningful collaboration within the parish and throughout the community, never doing things alone when there is an opportunity to partner.

### PROJECT DELIVERABLES

1. Establish/re-establish relationships with legacy institutions and families.
2. Promote visibility and access for our neighbors.
3. Increased community understanding/involvement in our mission, and ministries.
4. Plan to leverage the project in support of any upcoming capital campaign and legacy/planned giving efforts.

### STATUS

Last year, we scheduled and co-sponsored the May downtown cleanup event, to correspond with the 150th anniversary of the ground breaking for our building. The following weekend, we were joined by Bishop Singh for the rededication of our cornerstone and a diocesan service of Confirmation. In August, we collaborated with Flint Social Club to sponsor a hot dog/ice cream social and parish reunion, corresponding with the arrival of our first rector, the Reverend Daniel E. Brown. The capstone event of the season was the collaborative, ecumenical, community All Saint's event at Glenwood.

Throughout the season, we've collaborated with the dozens of individuals and organizations, including the University of Michigan-Flint, Glenwood Cemetery, Downtown Development Authority, Friends of the Alley, Keep Genesee County Beautiful, Genesee County Historical Society, Flint City Bike Tours, Flint Social Club, Flint Public Art Project, Sloan Museum of Discovery, Ruth Mott Foundation/Applewood, Saint Cecilia Society, the What's Up Downtown Flint project, Genesee County Sheriff's Office, First Presbyterian Church, Riverside Tabernacle (Now All Nations Church), Court Street Methodist Church, and the Diocese of Eastern and Western Michigan.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**150 Anniversary Day/Homecoming & Social - Sunday, August 27, 2023:** Our hope is to engage each of our committees/ministries in planning/supporting this event. Please share this information with your respective groups. Consistent with the deliverables mentioned above, we hope to accomplish 4 things during this event:

1. Share our gratitude for the many gifts that we have been given, including the time, talent, and treasure that built and sustained the congregation and this building through the years.
2. The 'Homecoming & Social' format can serve as a vehicle to invite and welcome our neighbors and members (former and current) for a time of celebration and fellowship.
3. The historically significant date and references will support our ability to reach out and invite the broader community to join us.
4. Reinforce and enhance relationships with the individuals and organizations with whom we've collaborated during our season of celebration.



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**Glenwood/All Saints – Date TBA:** Formal planning with partners will likely commence next month.

### NEXT MEETING

The next face-to-face planning meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 14th at 5:30PM. The agenda for that meeting will center on planning for the August event, and discussion of how best to leverage the accomplishments going forward.

### BUDGET

The 2022 project came in well under the budget. We anticipate additional costs associated with promoting the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event.

Respectfully Submitted: Walter A. Peake, May 23, 2023