

Update on the Trinity Church Search Committee

The Search Committee has had two more meetings this month and a third meeting is scheduled for March 29. Keeping in mind the importance of undertaking the task prayerfully and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, each meeting has opened with prayer and reflection led by the committee chaplains, Jeff Farris and Mary Taylor. We have continued to reflect on the other 3 questions that will be used in the meetings with parishioners:

2. Name the three things you value most about Trinity.

3. Look back over your entire life...recall a time when you most appreciated the ministry of a priest. What was happening? What did you appreciate?

4. What will be Trinity's 3 most exciting, energizing and important accomplishments to you over the next 3 years?

Again we invite you to reflect on these questions in preparation for the meetings.

We have also reviewed the Parish History with the capable guidance of Parish Archivist Etta Taylor and will utilize that information as we assemble the Parish Profile.

The Chairs met last week with the vestry to report the status of the process and reach a clear understanding of what the vestry's expectations are from the committee, which will be outlined in a committee charge.

We continue to work on communication strategies, including announcements at services, notes in the service bulletin and electronic updates in eTimes, the parish website and the Trinity Facebook page.

On March 29 we have invited the Interim Rector to meet with the committee to share his observations of what he sees at Trinity, as well his insights into what has helped or hindered the process in other parishes he has served. We will then finalize the format and the wording of the questions and plan to schedule the first parish meetings in April.