

Church of the Holy Trinity
Vestry Retreat and Feb. vestry meeting minutes
Feb. 6, 2016

In attendance: Rev. John Beddingfield, Rector; Inez Lambert, Senior Warden;
Yvonne O'Neal, Junior Warden; Alexandra Barker, Nancy Fessenden, Jean Geater, David Liston, Marlin
Mattson, Fabio Mejia, Dawn Persaud, Liz Poole, Lionel Tiburcio, Susan Valdés-Dapena

I. General discussion/question:

How are we organized currently and how might we organize better for mission?

- Discussion within the church currently about being a “missional” church.
- Old idea: God speaks to the church and the church takes that mission to the world. tied to the history of colonialism.
- Now, it's more of an idea of asking people how they experience, understand, know, or love God, rather than imposing our views of God on others. What can we learn from other communities?
- How can we be God's presence in the lives of people who are outside the church, without losing ourselves?

II. Brainstorm about what kinds of committees we've had and may need:

Finance and Budget

HTNC Board

Newcomers

Stewardship

Adult formation team

Children and family formation

LOVE Task Force—interpersonal violence

Peace and Restorative Justice Community—can we re-start?

Trinity Network—young adults. Across-service network for young adults (20s and 30s) who got together

Lay pastoral care—tie into search and care

LEV (lay pastoral visitor)

LGBT group?

Buildings and grounds (including garden)

Triangle Theater

Hospitality

Altar service guild

Altar set-up guild

Ushers

Bread guild

Investment committee

Mayfair Committee

Community Witness committee

Publicity committee (newsletter/Facebook/social media)

Events committee (grow towards?)

III. Areas of work with interested vestry members:

Altar Set-up Guild: Inez, Susan

Altar Service: Yvonne, Susan, Leo, David

Bread Guild: Yvonne, Susan

Finance: Jean, Inez, Yvonne, Christine

LGBT: Marlin, Leo

Ushers: Fabio, Liz, Inez, David

Peace and Restorative Justice: Yvonne, Marlin, Susan

HTNC Board: David, Leona (board), Nancy, Liz (board)

Investment: Jean

Stewardship: Yvonne, Fabio, Susan, Inez, Alexandra

Buildings and grounds: Fabio, Dawn

Trinity Network: Alexandra, Christine

Adult formation: Yvonne, Marlin

Children and family formation: Dawn, Suzanne, Leo

Mayfair: Dawn, Yvonne, Susan

Newcomers: Yvonne, Alexandra

Publicity: Alexandra, Yvonne, Liz

LEV: Susan

Pastoral Care:

Hospitality: Inez, Yvonne, Leo

Community Witness/outreach: Dawn, Susan, Marlin, Alexandra

Triangle: Inez, Jean, Alexandra

Larger parish social events: Inez, Alexandra, Yvonne, Dawn, Nancy, Fabio

Susan volunteers to be clerk for one year.

IV. Goals for the vestry for this year:

Buildings and grounds priorities

Maintenance and cleaning

Raise visibility and engagement

Develop organizational chart and information flow for areas of activity just defined

Develop larger and long-term views

Increase awareness and participation in diocesan training: anti-racism, safe-church

Parish growth in terms of attendance (active membership could mean twice a month)

Spiritual reflections (March)

EFM?

Weds. Nights? ACE after 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Valdés-Dapena, Clerk of the Vestry