

June 1, 2021

Dear Christ Church Family:

The work of our Self Study Committee is complete and our Christ Church Profile is now posted on our church website, on the Diocese of Alabama website and on the Office of Transition Ministry national database. The process through which we progressed was very definite and well defined by our Diocese. With the help of Sarah Sartain, our Diocesan Clergy Transition Officer, our committee has been able to successfully complete our task.

Thank you to all who completed our survey, participated in a small group 'Holy Chat' discussion either via zoom or in person, and reached out to any of the committee members with your suggestions and concerns. A total of 206 surveys were completed. Additionally, our committee conducted interviews with the staff and held a special Holy Chat session with our EYC. Information and summaries from both the survey answers and Holy Chat conversations were combined and used in developing our profile. After many, many edits and drafts, we submitted the profile to the Diocese Clergy Transition Office, Bishop Curry and our Vestry for their approval. Upon their approval, the profile is now available to be used in the search for our next Rector.

I was honored to serve with a remarkable group of dedicated and professional volunteers. Our committee held our first meeting on February 4th and met weekly until our completed final draft was approved by the Diocese and the Vestry. We relied on each other and the Holy Spirit to work through the process of developing a profile that mirrors our amazing church family and all the attributes that make Christ Church so special. The following parishioners served on the Self Study Committee:

Kathryn AdamsJohn HicksJenelle MarshJames BrazilScott HolmesPam Parker

Daniel Ferry Cynthia Johnson

Although it was not a 'joyful' task, thank you for the opportunity to serve Christ Church as Chair of the Self Study Committee. As we continue the process of calling our next Rector, I urge you to continue to pray for our Discernment Committee led by Justin Hart and our Vestry as they lead us through the rest of this process

Sincerely,

Loo Whitfield, Chair Self Study and Profile Committee