



Dear Christ Church Family:

As you all know, we are beginning the process of calling a new Rector for Christ Church. The process through which we will progress, is very definite and well-defined by our Diocese. Sarah Sartain is our Diocesan Clergy Transition Officer and will help guide our Parish through this process.

The first steps of the process have been completed. Our Vestry has communicated with our Diocesan office, the Clergy Transitions Officer (CTO) has been notified and has alerted the Vestry as to the steps involved, the Vestry appointed the Self Study and the Discernment Committees, the Self Study Committee has met with the CTO and has begun the process of building our Parish profile. The following parishioners are serving on the Self Study Committee:

Kathryn Adams

James Brazil

Daniel Ferry

John Hicks

Scott Holmes

Cynthia Johnson

Jenelle Marsh

Pam Parker

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In order to develop a Parish profile that reflects who we are and what we would like to see in our new rector, the Self Study Committee needs the help of the entire Parish. The profile will be shared on a national database made available to Episcopal priests. The Parish profile will contain sections such as information about our history, our mission/vision statements, an overview of our current missions and ministry – both in and out of our church, the type of worship services we have, our financial history, community demographics, etc. Basically, we will produce a document explaining who we are, what we do, what we feel is important in our Parish and what we feel is important in calling our next rector.

One important part of developing this profile is to administer a Parish survey. The Self Study Committee has developed a survey and we hope that each of you will take the time to prayerfully and thoughtfully complete the survey. The survey is available on our church website: christchurch1828.org/info.

We hope that the most of you will complete the survey electronically – that will be the most efficient way to collect and analyze the data. However, hard copies of the survey will be available in the container under the 7th street porte-cochere. The survey will be available for your completion from **March 1 – March 15....**so please complete your survey as soon as possible.

Additionally, we will offer a few opportunities for small group conversations concerning the search for our new rector. These small groups, hosted by a few of the Self Study Committee members and called *Holy Conversations* will be available via Zoom and small in-person (socially distanced) meetings held in Randall Hall. Dates, times and information regarding *Holy Conversations* will be made available once you have had time to review the survey.

Finally, I am humbled and honored to serve as the chair of our Self Study Committee. I am blessed to work with such a dedicated and professional committee. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with your help and support, we will work through this process together.

Wishing you God's Peace

Loo Whitfield, Chair

Self Study Committee