

Report from the Mission Subcommittee of the Vestry

The Process

In February 2021, the Vestry named a subcommittee to explore the development of a mission statement for St. Andrew's that reflects St. Andrew's in this current moment and who we hope to become. The group started its work that March.

Utilizing the expertise and talents of the members, the mission subcommittee developed a plan to conduct parish listening sessions and conduct a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis with the Vestry. Data was collected throughout the late summer and early fall.

The Data

As the team has started to process the data that was collected, the following themes have emerged:

- A strong sense of community, family, and connection
- The ability to come as you are and be accepted
- St. Andrew's as a place to find rest
- A strong valuing of the tradition and theology of the Episcopal Church
- St. Andrew's as a place to ask questions
- A desire to engage in bettering the communities we live in and the call to love our neighbors

When reflecting on what makes St. Andrew's unique, the subcommittee named that we are a sending parish. We send out and support parishioners to do work they are passionate about (engaging in local activism and service). St. Andrew's has been a place for many to discern calls to ordination and has held ordinations for a significant number of clergy in the past 15 years. Madison is a transient community, and each year St. Andrew's sends out many of its members with love as they are led to new places.

Next Steps

The mission subcommittee is continuing to meet and process the data collected. They are beginning to craft draft language for a mission statement that will go through a review process with the Vestry. The committee also hopes to share draft language with the parish in a spring Sunday forum to receive feedback from those who wish to participate.

The hope and goal is that a new mission statement will be presented to the parish for a vote to adopt at a special spring meeting in 2022.

Members of the Mission Subcommittee

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The subcommittee would like to thank all who participate in and help facilitate listening sessions this fall!