



CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

Dear Friends,

As we continue to gather together during these hot summer months to magnify the Lord through our worship, outreach and fellowship programs, I give thanks for the people of Calvary. It's time again to provide an update with our progress during our time of Rector transition and search.

PARISH PROFILE AND SURVEY

We have just concluded our Parish Survey. You have been generous in your responses –nearly 70% of you took the time to share your thoughts. Thank you! The Vestry, Parish Profile Committee and Fr. Blake (Diocesan Transition Minister) will soon have an in-depth meeting with HolyCow! Consulting to interpret the results and will be sharing a summary with you as well.

With the summary data available, writing the Profile continues. It requires the approval of both the Vestry and the Diocese before it becomes available for others to read. We want to thank Greg Bethke, Philip Zanghi, and Kathryne Salinas for their efforts.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

We are also in the process of collecting names from those of you wishing to serve on the Search Committee. Those names, whether you nominate yourself or someone else, must be submitted by August 11. The Vestry, at its July meeting, set the number of Search Committee members at 12. In late August the Vestry will meet to make its selection. The members of the Search Committee will be commissioned in church on Sunday, September 8 and be trained by Fr. Blake on September 15. Their work will then begin.

Once the search committee is chosen, there can be no replacements if someone needs to leave for any reason. This work requires dedicated individuals with the time, energy, and optimism to serve over the several months required for this discernment.

RECTOR CANDIDATES

The list of potential rector candidates will come from the Diocese, as approved by the Bishop. However, as the Diocese builds the list, they will consider names of clergy that we suggest. If you know an ordained member of the clergy who might consider Calvary as their next Call, please submit that in writing to Amber Zentis. These names will be forwarded to Fr. Blake for review, or you may communicate directly with him (brider@epicenter.org).

Friends, we are blessed in so many ways, and certainly being together as the Body of Christ at Calvary is near the top of the list. The Vestry and Parish Profile Committee thank you for your support, encouragement and continued prayers as they move forward.

Prayerfully—for your Vestry,

Amber Zentis, Senior Warden