



# The Word

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## Rector Search Committee News

In March, the Rector Search Committee (RSC) began its mission by creating a prayer for the entire congregation to pray every Sunday during the search process. Writing the prayer was an ideal way to get to know one another as we undertake the meaningful work of finding a new rector for St. Timothy's. All members of the group contributed thoughtful and insightful parts to the prayer and we are grateful for each person's participation. Although one member, Melissa Randolph, has chosen to step down due to time constraints, we appreciate her guidance in writing the prayer and look forward to her participation as a parishioner in helping find a new rector.

With the loss of Melissa, the RSC recommended to the Vestry that two or more additional committee members be named. Since the committee has much to accomplish, it was felt that a slightly larger committee would expedite the work of calling our new rector. At the March Vestry meeting, Betsy Bosworth and Allyson Showalter were named as members to the RSC. The committee is delighted to welcome them and grateful for their willingness to serve.

After writing a prayer, the next priority for the RSC was to name a chair. William A. Odio is the committee chair and will be responsible for communicating with Fr. Mark, the wardens, and the diocese as we navigate the search process. We feel blessed to draw on Bill's long experience at St. Tim's and his strong commitment to serving. Bill and his family have attended St. Timothy's since 1986. His children attended preschool here and his wife, Carolyn, worked as Parish Administrator when Fr. Ralph Bayfield was rector. Bill has served on the vestry, the stewardship committee, taught Sunday school and currently serves as a Lay Eucharistic Minister. As a LEM, and native Spanish speaker, he assists with the Latino service on Saturdays. Bill was a member of the vestry and vestry liaison to the Search Committee that called Father Brad. After his retirement from IBM, Bill now works as a lawyer in Fairfax.

Currently, the Search Committee is working to define our Parish Profile. The Profile is a document that will reflect the past, present and future of St. Timothy's. In words and data, it will show the substance and style of the congregation. Our objective is to have the Profile serve as a reflection of the congregation that will inform the person who is meant to serve as our new rector.

Initially, preparation of the Parish Profile includes surveying the congregation on what is most important in a new rector and for our St. Timothy's family. The committee will meet with parishioners in informal groups and at major church gatherings, like Shrine Mont. You are encouraged to engage members of the committee and share your thoughts with us. In April, we will have nametags identifying us as Search Committee members. Please feel free to contact any of the committee members: Bill Odio, Shon Beury, Betsy Bosworth, Tom Davis, Catherine Lamoureux and Allyson Showalter or, send an email to the Search Committee address, [RSC@saint-timothys.org](mailto:RSC@saint-timothys.org). We welcome your interest in the search and, especially, we want to hear from you!

The process of calling the right person as rector for St. Timothy's is necessarily, time-consuming, painstaking and thoughtful. We appreciate your patience and support as we do this work and are grateful for your continued prayers and guidance.