



The Word

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Rector Search Committee Update

In September, The Rector Search Committee (RSC) will focus on learning as much as possible from individual members of the congregation through two new efforts, the Question of the Week (QTW) and a Parish-wide Survey. The QTW offers a unique opportunity for members to respond with their own perspective and priorities to a specific question. Thus far, the feedback from the initial QTWs is helpful and informative.

On September 25th during the services the congregation will have an opportunity to participate in a written version of the survey. It covers a wide range of questions and offers each person a chance to express their personal preferences. The survey can be submitted in writing on the 25th or in the following weeks. For those who prefer, an electronic version will also be offered. Members 16 or older are asked to participate. In order for the survey to be effective, it is important that individuals respond only once regardless of whether the response is written or electronic. Specific details will be announced in upcoming weekly bulletins and eNews.

In August, the QTW was introduced to hear feedback regarding specific elements of the Diocesan Community Portfolio. The Portfolio is a document the RSC will prepare and submit to the Vestry and the Bishop. As an overview of St. Timothy's congregation and its operation, the Portfolio is used to inform prospective candidates of the Rector position.

How can you respond to a QTW? Each week, during the next several weeks, a new question is posed in the Friday eNews and the Sunday bulletin and you are invited to email your response to the RSC at rsc@saint-timothys.org. All responses will be kept confidential and are for RSC use only. If you prefer to submit a written response, you may leave it in an envelope in the RSC mailbox near the coat closet. Any QTW may be answered at any time and you are encouraged to respond. The initial questions are:

Question 1 - *When you think about how St. Timothy's serves the emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of our congregation, what examples of how we meet these needs come to mind? How successful do you think St Timothy's is in meeting these needs?*

Question 2 - *Where do you see St. Timothy's in 5 years or so? In what ways do we as a congregation need to develop to continue to be a vital Christian community in Herndon?*

Question 3 - *As a congregation, what is St. Timothy's practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of our worshipping community?*

The previously introduced Focus Groups offer an additional opportunity to share your thoughts for selecting a new rector. The hope is that each congregant has the opportunity to make it to one focus group. Anyone interested is invited. The discussion each time is on topics that will guide the RSC in choosing a rector. Dates for upcoming Focus Groups will be publicized in the weekly eNews and Sunday bulletins

The Rector Search Committee welcomes your feedback to any or all of these opportunities. Your contribution will help the RSC in selecting the most ideal candidate. Please contact us at RSC@saint-timothys.org. Your continued support and prayers are appreciated. *Heavenly Father, thank you for making us instruments of your holy work during this time of renewal and discernment as we prepare to welcome our new Rector to St. Timothy's.*