

Visioning and Strategic Planning Discernment Committee Update

March 25, 2018

Roger Bair III, Senior Warden

Recently, the vestry decided that the 2012 Long Range Mission Plan needed an update. On Saturday March 24, vestry and ministry leaders convened for the first meeting of the Visioning and Strategic Planning Discernment Committee. This committee will be meeting to carefully discern changes and updates to the 2012 plan. Fr. David Stenner, the former rector of All Saints in Reisterstown, has graciously offered to facilitate this process. The committee's objective is to complete this important work in time to present the updated plan at our annual meeting in January 2019.

We need every member of Ascension to be a part of this process, and you can do so in two important ways: First, bathe the process and committee members in prayer. During the discernment process, we will try to set our preferences and biases aside and seek the will of GOD and as you know that can be difficult, so we need your help. Please pray for us and for this process! Second, very soon we will be asking for your input through a variety of mediums such as paper and pencil surveys, interviews, town meetings and online surveys, all designed to gather your input to this process. In preparation for those opportunities, I would ask you to meditate and pray about **who we are**, **where we are** and **where we are going** at Church of the Ascension in Westminster, Maryland.

In an effort to keep you informed on our progress we will periodically report during Sunday morning announcements, provide updates in the Sunday bulletin inserts, emails, in the Extension, and on our website.

The next meeting of the committee will be on Friday evening, April 20.

The committee members are:

Vestry members: Anne Arena, Roger Bair III, Jenny Beeker, Mary Lou Berg, Brenda Bornt, Donna Fine, Greg Forster, Mary Beth Francis, Melissa Leahy, Buck Lyon-Vaiden, Judith Stainbrook, Pam White, and Fr. Samuel Nsengiyumva

Ministry leaders: Milt Beebe, Mary Butler, Joyce Chomko, Jill Horn, Donna Kronner, Lynn Lyon-Vaiden, Barry Messersmith, Wendy Messersmith, Betsy Reinders, George Sterling, Kim Tompkins, Cheryl Vecera, and Charlie White

Facilitator: Fr. David Stenner