

Visioning and Strategic Planning Discernment Committee Update

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At our April 20 meeting, Fr. David Stenner started the meeting with biblical words of encouragement and nourishment for our journey. We discussed the power of uniting to speak with one voice and with a common vision and purpose.

The team observed that God is at work here. Examples of His work are: the summer program, Mistletoe Mart, worship, outreach and the Lord sending Fr. Samuel to us. As we discern God's will for us it is important to accept that he may speak to us in many different ways. The primary avenue of communication with our Lord is prayer.

We observed that one way of seeing what God is intending for us is to observe who is leaving and who is coming. The Lord will provide members with the spiritual gifts to accomplish His mission for us. This observation speaks to the need to maintain a spiritual gifts inventory of our members which is a resource that we currently do not maintain.

There was general agreement that we should be working toward the articulation of our Purpose, Vision, Mission and Core Values. We will discuss and share our thoughts and ideas regarding Ascension's purpose, vision, mission and core values at our next meeting on May 4 at 6:00 pm.

A subcommittee will soon be formed to create a survey for all committees, ministries, and activities.