

## Update on the Trinity Church Search Committee

The Search Committee is grateful to the more than 70 parishioners who participated in the two recent gatherings in the sanctuary to tell stories and imagine our future. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, we explored the last 50+ years of Trinity's history. Led by facilitator Carrie Marks, of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, parishioners created a timeline of the important events – both large and small – that affected our lives and ministry and helped shape Trinity as it is today. The exercise demonstrated that parishioners have a very strong attachment to the community and a desire to engage in ministry in the wider world. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, The Rev. Canon Dan Smith led us in an Appreciative Inquiry exercise to identify the essential aspects of our ministry that we want to carry forward – and expand – with the help of our next rector. The committee met on May 5<sup>th</sup> to begin digesting the information from those meetings to develop a Parish Portfolio that accurately expresses our values and what we hope to become, so that we can find the right person to lead us. When completed, the profile will be entered in the national database where it will be available to clergy who are seeking a rectorship.

If you were unable to make the meetings you can attend a makeup session scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, or you can communicate with the Search committee by emailing us at [trinitystlsearch@gmail.com](mailto:trinitystlsearch@gmail.com) or writing it out and giving it to a member of the committee.

In preparation for the history meeting, the parish created a visual display of our current membership, answering the question, "When Did You Start Coming to Trinity?" No one was too surprised to see that the largest group of people presently attending Trinity arrived during the rectorship of Anne Kelsey. However, we also have a large contingent of parishioners who arrived before 1970 and have remained through the Team Ministry and successive eras, and are looking forward to the arrival of the new rector.

Vestry member Karin Layher has created a display that imagines the search process as a journey, with the different stages in the process represented as stepping stones toward the goal of installing our next rector. This piece is an important component of keeping the parish informed of the Committee's progress. It is presently on display in the hallway outside the Library, alongside our Timeline.

Please keep us and the parish in your prayers as we move forward.