

ABOUT YOUR SEARCH COMMITTEE

In the first step of St. Patrick's search for a new rector, the Vestry created a Search Committee of 4 members plus a liaison from the Vestry in September 2016. The members chosen were Lenty Hagen, Clare Novak, Gary Thomsen and David Vomund; the Vestry liaison was Ginnie Jed. The Vestry then gave the Search Committee a "Charge" which included guidelines for the Committee, a reporting process to the Vestry and a list of preferable characteristics (for a rector) the Vestry and congregation had compiled over time. The Vestry and Search Committee have both been ably guided and helped along the way by Canon Catherine Gregg, Diocesan Transitional Minister.

During the autumn of 2016 the Search Committee and Vestry planned and executed the "Green Light Meetings" in which many of the congregation gladly participated. Information gathered from these meetings was used by the Search Committee in producing our Parish Profile, a document that tells our parish story and would be part of the rector recruitment online, as well as guidance for the Vestry in the final search process. The Search Committee put the finished profile and other necessary information on our website in mid December. Prospective candidates replied and their information and credentials were reviewed by the Committee over the winter. The application process was closed in mid March.

The necessary steps of selecting desirable candidates and having further discussions via Skype and other means then was done by the Search Committee. The Committee next narrowed the pool of candidates and chose those who needed to be visited in person. On May 12, 2017, the Search Committee completed their part of the search process by presenting the final candidates to the Vestry. Now the Vestry will be doing the last part of St. Patrick's search for a new Rector.

Throughout this entire process the members of the Search Committee have spent countless hours researching, compiling, discussing, writing, interviewing and ultimately visiting candidates. This search process was a labor of love for St. Patrick's on the part of the Search Committee. The entire parish is indebted to every member on the Committee for their dedication to task. I encourage each parishioner to say a personal thank you to each of the Search Committee members for their hard work and perseverance. Each Vestry member has already done so.

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