

SEARCH UPDATE

St. Anne's Search Committee begins the new year ready to work together with the Diocese, the Vestry, and the congregation to begin the process of discerning who should be called to be the next rector of St. Anne's. We recognize the mission of calling a rector as a prayerful process, one that is intentionally open to the Holy Spirit. To accomplish this mission, we must seek to understand God's will for St. Anne's.

According to Anglican polity, the discernment process involves 3 parties: the Bishop (assisted by the Canon to the Ordinary), the Vestry (assisted by the Search Committee), and the Rector Candidates. As the Bishop has explained, searching for a new rector is not a hiring process or an election process. Rather, through the process, the people of the parish and the candidates try to determine whether they should establish a relationship. Just as the parish tries to discern what is God's will for St. Anne's, the candidates are trying to discern what God's will is for them and their families.

Throughout the process, the Search Committee will work on behalf of the Vestry, which is ultimately responsible for the call. As the entity that makes the final decision, the Vestry has responsibility for the entire process and supervises every step.

Communication about the Search Process will be shared publicly by the Vestry and the Search Committee on a regular basis via town hall meetings, vestry group gatherings, the website, the newsletter, and service bulletins.

Next Step: The Search Committee will meet with Canon Hunn of the Diocese to discuss the development of the Parish Profile.

Faithfully,
Suzanne and Linda

St. Anne's Search Committee members confirmed at the December Vestry meeting:

Suzanne Reynolds, co-chair
Linda Winikoff, co-chair
Susan Brittain
Sid Kelly
Kirk House
John Sheldon
Jane North
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Andrew Vanard