

Joint Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 24, 2016

7:00 – 9:00 PM

The Joint Executive Committee met to develop policy and regulations for implementing the Covenant. The following members were in attendance: from St. George's - Greg Syler (rector), Bob Etter and Mike Mead. From Ascension- Melinda Artman, (rector), Tom McCarty, and Karol Wolgemuth.

Topics for discussion.

- Both rectors presented *Duties and General Time Commitments* and there was a discussion regarding which tasks could be compressed, where there are duplications of services, and what will be required to be maintained at both parishes.
- There was a discussion regarding an administrative presence necessary for each parish. Although some feel that it is necessary to have a daily presence in both offices, there was an agreement that with the use of better technology and improved communication that it is possible to be effective with a shared administrator.
- We do not need two fully stocked office; it would be effective and more efficient to perform many tasks/operations from a single site. Continue to investigate what Office programs should be upgraded.
- It would be advantageous to include Gail in a JEC meeting as we define roles, duties, functions, and timelines/schedules. The St. Georges team will meet with her first to pen discussions with her to present ideas and investigate her willingness to expand her duties to include Ascension. This will be followed by her visiting Ascension to make it possible for her to offer specific sharing processes.
- It was suggested that a pulpit swap begin in the immediate future to allow parishes to become accustomed to a different voice. There is a plan to begin using the Morning Prayer service (with a priest present) to elevate that service so that parishioners accept this when sharing a rector will result in one "rector-less" service each week. It will be necessary to solicit approval for this from the bishop
- There was suggestion as to how to have a single bulletin for both parishes. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to have a single bulletin; it would be advantageous to have the parishes be better informed and more aware of events and happenings occurring at our yoked parishes.
- The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 7 at 7:00.

Karol Wolgemuth