

## **Search Team Status December 2016**

The Search Team that will result in the calling of a new Rector to St. Matthew's Church was announced by the Vestry in the summer of 2016. This search process is one of the most important things that this parish will do for a long time to come. Your Vestry appreciates your support of this team of dedicated parishioners. They include:

Karyn Battey, David Betz, Bonnie Calhoun, Barbara Carbonneau, Michael Domingue, Bob Jones, Roger Macon, Laeny McKahan, and Shea Sennett. In addition Abby Poison and Kathy McKim are serving as youth representatives to the Search Team.

The following outlines the roles and a brief summary of the 12 – 18 month process:

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1. The Search Team prepares a Parish Profile that will serve as a job description for priests looking for a spiritual home. They will call upon the parish to include your voices in the Parish Profile.
2. The Diocese promotes the Parish Profile through their channels and provides 8-12 applications for Search Team discernment.
3. The Search Team narrows the field of candidates to 3-5 to interview presents 1-3 candidates to the Vestry for their consideration. The Search Committee and the Wardens set up site visits to the parishes of the 1-3 finalists.
4. The Vestry recommends their top choice to the Bishop who makes the call to the chosen priest and lets the Senior Warden know of the candidate's acceptance.

For more information on the Transition period or the Search process please contact St. Matthew's office at 497-2003 or the website at [www.stmattsepiscopal.org](http://www.stmattsepiscopal.org)