

Transition News June 2016

Several parishioners have been suggesting names of priests to Vestry members for consideration. Our Vestry will follow the role recommended by the Diocese in our calling of a new priest. The roles and a brief summary of the process follows:

It is the role of the Vestry to appoint a Search Committee

It is the role of the Search Committee to prepare a Parish Profile and send it to the Diocese

It is the role of the Diocese to promote the Parish Profile through their channels to bring a list of potential candidates for Priest to our Search Committee. Interested priests will contact the Diocese only.

The Search Committee will then narrow the list of candidates for Priest to 2-3 for Vestry discernment

The Vestry recommends their top choice to the Bishop

The Bishop calls the chosen priest to serve St Matthew's

As you have no doubt heard, we will enter the transition period with a month of summer services as usual. Our Interim Priest, who we are very excited to welcome to St. Matthew's will be with us for one to two years beginning with worship on Sunday, July 17th. She is looking forward to meeting all of you and beginning a solid working and praying relationship with us. Please help us welcome Rev. Celeste Hemingson as only St. Matthew's can do. She has heard a lot about us but will have a lot to learn.

Please feel free to speak with any Vestry member if you have questions. The process for forming the Search Committee will be available soon.

God's blessings!