

Congregational Conversations Summary

The following is a summary of the results of our three congregational conversations and individual surveys that were completed. Responses have been combined.

Results of Priest Profile Assessment:

Three most important attributes of our next rector:

1. Preacher
2. Administrative Leader
3. Pastoral Care

What are the essential values of St. John's?

Family oriented

Commitment to outreach

Inclusivity of people and ideas

Welcoming

Church that constantly seeks to grow spiritually

Past, present, and future relationships between church members and relationship with Christ

An emphasis on current issues

Seeking spiritual growth

Look beyond ourselves

Nurturing of children

Value to the community

Range of ages and perspectives

Sunday school program

Pastoral care in crisis and otherwise

Love for each other

Openness to reason and diversity

Music department

Intellectual and spiritual growth

Young vibrant congregation

Our facility

To be a worshipful, caring, serving community of Christians seeking to grow in Christ and share God's love

Youth ministry

What is it about St. John's that you value most?

People

Beauty
Joy
Comfort
Relationships
We are our mission
History of the church
Lack of dogma
Children's programs
Friendly atmosphere
Tradition
Commitment to outreach
Learning opportunities
Hiking group
Sunday breakfasts
Respect for differences
Clergy
Opportunity for spiritual development
Mission opportunities
Preaching
Music
Inclusive environment
Liturgy

If you had three wishes for St. John's, what would they be?

Continue outreach
Continue to develop children' ministries
Continue excellent worship
New playground
Another parking lot
Continue to be a dynamic place where you want to be
A rector that loves us and who we love
Spiritual and financial growth
Cultural and racial diversity
Cultivate stewardship
That the adult programs will be interesting and provide value
That the search committee will find the right fit for a rector
Increase membership
Remain financially sound
Continue to improve the Day School
Endowment

Maintain an apolitical approach
Get the organ
Water issues resolved
Continue strong pastoral care
Develop outreach to potential new members and visitors to make them feel more welcome
Initiate more ecumenical events with other parishes, denominations, and religions
Alternative worship experience
A Daughters of the King chapter
As the church grows in members, we continue to be a "small church" in the way we relate to one another
Service with contemporary music

What is your number one consideration for a new rector?

Preacher and spiritual leader
Leadership
Ministers timing and needs and our timing and needs need to be in sync
Appreciation of our past and traditions
Someone who energizes our outreach and children's' program
Someone well rounded and personable
Longevity
Ability to inspire
Visionary
Strong preaching skills
Smarter than us
Strong theologian and administrator
Good personal skills
40 something person who keeps moving forward with our growth, youth programs, and outreach
Team builder
A person of vision
One whose strong preaching, pastoral care, and parish leadership conveys genuine faithfulness and love
Respect for lay leadership
Spirit-filled
One who is successful at endings and middles as well as beginnings