

Annual Meeting Jan. 31, 2021

Small Group Responses

1. What part of this mission statement do you personally connect to?
 - a. Heart & Body – community outreach, RANH
 - b. All of them - they all speak to me
 - c. Soul & Body – miss the music
 - d. “When we came to St. Philip’s we were spiritually broken. This mission statement is working for us.” Feel welcomed and spiritually grounded at St. Philip’s. They are participating in book club and racism discussions, and the services and noon day prayer “have fed us”.
 - e. “St. Philip’s in some ways has been a reflection of society” from national issues to community issues. Many pieces of our mission statement address ways for me to spiritually and personally cope with what is happening in the world both politically and within the Episcopal faith
 - f. Opportunities to help young people explore and build their mind and spirit in the knowledge of Jesus and the church and where that is in their lives
2. Thinking about your own life, name one way that you have lived out this mission either at church, in your family, or in the world?
 - a. Helping young people explore and build their mind and spirit in the knowledge of Jesus and the church and where that is in their lives
 - b. Participating in choir and being part of the Christmas pageant
 - c. Working with Neighborhood House food pantry
3. How have you seen other members of St. Philip’s live out this mission in the past year?
 - a. Father Eric is a “leveler” for us – he takes Biblical readings and applies them to everyday life, which we can then take out into the world. He felt this was Father Eric’s greatest gift.
 - b. All the people who have kept our ministries and services going through the pandemic.
 - c. Grateful that in spite of the limited face to face time we could still have had a successful Christmas basket campaign, provide funds to Episcopal Relief and even could provide needed help to individuals in the parish community that needed a meal or two.
 - d. Learned that we can use on-line sign-ups for goods, Sign Up Genius, better than former manual outreach for donations.
4. What specific actions could St. Philip’s take in the coming year to live out this mission?
 - a. Expansion of Monasteries without Walls in the next year.
 - b. Our hope is the on line discussions on Race, 7 weeks to start tonight, will give us a place to start, motivation, hope and some guidance.
 - c. Online classes. What is coming for Lent?
 - d. Have options in the evening, but keep them shorter (when on Zoom all day for work, it is hard to get interested in another 1+ hours on Zoom at night)
 - e. Focus the energy on activities that can be launched when we are able to meet in person. Be prepared for that day.

- f. Focus on ways to re-connect people
- g. Re-engage with outreach (ex: RANH)
- h. Bring back the Sunday Forum with both outside and inside speakers. Timing is while kids are in Sunday School / Youth Group
- i. Keep doing what we are doing
- j. Not sure if we will give up the ECW name that needs to be considered.
- k. Involve more people in our ministries
- l. Start group dinners and social activities as soon as possible – we all miss them!