



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

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If you stopped to look at the Rector Search Process posters in church, you know that the Parish Survey is an essential step in calling a new rector. Our guiding principal is to involve the parish as much as possible in this discernment, and now we need your feedback. The Search Committee has developed a survey for you to complete. We will use the results to create a Parish Profile that candidates will read to get a sense of who we are: our strengths, our challenges, our demographics, and the qualities we want in a new rector.

WHO QUALIFIES:

Each member of your household who has attended one or more worship services at Holy Comforter in the past year is encouraged to complete a survey. This includes youth who are rising high school freshman or older. Please complete this survey to the best of your knowledge. All responses will be anonymous and individual survey responses will be kept confidential. The Search Committee will only report combined results.

SURVEY FORMAT:

The survey consists of three sections:

1. About Holy Comforter
2. About the Rector we seek
3. About you

The survey should take about 20 to 30 minutes to complete. We encourage you to find some time when you can reflect on your life at Holy Comforter and thoughtfully answer the survey questions.

HOW TO TAKE THE SURVEY:

The survey is available on the Internet at www.holycomforter-clt.org/parishsurvey and by hard copy. We encourage you to use the on-line version, as it will speed the process of tabulating the parish-wide results.

If you prefer a paper copy, please call or stop by the church office to pick one up. Please remember to mail or drop off the completed survey at the church office. All surveys (on-line or paper) must be received by **end of day Monday, August 17, 2009**.

Please contact a member of the Search Committee if you have any questions. Thank you for taking the time to make your voice heard!

Yours in Christ,

Jim Muse
Chair, Search Committee

Peggy Jackson
Co-Chair, Search Committee

"Almighty and ever living God, look favorably upon us, the people of Holy Comforter, in this time of transition as we search for a new rector. We pray for the life of our parish that we may continue to be guided by your love and strengthened in our mission to serve you through ministry, fellowship and worship. We pray for the search committee that their hearts and minds may be open to what your spirit is saying. We pray for the priest whose name is yet known to you alone, that he or she be open to your call. Give us your grace to follow where you lead us and grant us your peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen"