

Parish Open Agenda Conversation April 24, 2016

Our final meeting brought 16 people together. Multiple topics were mentioned for discussion:

1. Women of St Luke's:

- a. The conversation centered on acknowledging the strength and knowledge of women in the Parish who have influenced other women. It is embedded in St Lukes, as shown in Mother Beryl. She is there all the time. Winnie and others as well. Their strength and faith is inspirational as they just go on. Women who care for special needs children were acknowledged, emotional sharing. All this captured in the quote: "the strength it takes to maintain faith during difficult times is enormous."

2. 12:30 PM Sunday Service:

- a. The vision for the future is for the 8 and 10 am service participants to attend the 12:30 service and to increase bilingual services. Bring back ESL classes. English always as teaching language. Use Spanish as teaching language for a change in perspective. Learn a prayer.
- b. Find common tasks we can share in, not just common language.
- c. Vestry attends 12:30 service and host coffee hour.
- d. Mention of practices in New Zealand and Maori language services. A way to bridge the cultural gap.

3. Earth Health:

- a. Tried before. Global Warming/Climate Change.
- b. Comment stated ' Can't picture worship without concern for all of nature" Make sure new Priest knows some really care about the health of the earth. Discussion followed.
- c. Some prayers mention earth health. Be more intentional, communal thing.
- d. What is St Lukes doing now about it?
 - i. Recycling
 - ii. Solar lighting
 - iii. Ocean health
 - iv. Speakers
- e. There are items in our traditional, BCP, just not emphasized.

4. Gray Panthers

- a. Welcome everybody Sr. Citizens aren't forgotten
- b. ageism in our society.
- c. Need this group in our church

5. Taize:

- a. An experience not a performance.

6. Men's Fellowship/Dinners/Summer House Church

- a. Great experiences, need more of them. One group invited Orange County people to participate.
7. Zydeco Mass:
 - a. Should be included in the Profile that we have it.
 - b. Exploration of cultures
 - c. Missed it this year.
8. Brass Rubbings
 - a. Needs to continue
 - b. Great outreach and fundraiser
9. Altar Guild/Ushers/Counters
 - a. Mostly women in other places, St Lukes has both men and women. Needs to be mentioned. Makes us different.
 - b. Have High Mass more often.
10. Outreach:
 - a. Not only what we are doing but how we impact the community around us.
 - b. Anne Olson's book. It's not just about getting people in the doors but how we impact the community around us.
11. Health Ministry:
 - a. Happy it is developing
 - b. Mental Health and Addictions
 - c. Adult Ed
 - d. Lot's of people in the church with skills and knowledge
 - e. Safety at meetings, simple steps to take at beginning of every meeting how best to protect ourselves and others.
12. Adult Education:
 - a. Mention of Wednesday night programs.
 - b. Discussed the EFM program, 3 year program after service.
 - c. On-Line courses.
13. Music:
 - a. Past practices when choir is off in the summer: get more parishioners involved.