

Vestry/SPC Recommendations Strategic Plan Update

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FELLOWSHIP AND HOSPITALITY

Core Value Statement

In the Spirit of Christ, we value coming together to foster friendships among parishioners, our neighbors, newcomers and visitors.

Five Year Goals

1. Strengthen the Fellowship Committee's effectiveness in supporting the fellowship goals and activities of the various church ministries and organizations.
 - Year 1 a.** The Fellowship Committee is comprised of at least one member from each club and organization of the church that will serve to enhance coordination among groups.
 - Year 1 b.** With a vestry member serving as chair, regular meeting dates and times will be established.
 - Year 2 c.** Ensure that the fellowship and hospitality needs of the congregation are identified and appropriately addressed.
 - Year 2 d.** Elect/Select leadership annually, e.g., co-chair, secretary, etc.
 - Year 2 e.** Determine which organizations/ministries have representation on the Fellowship Committee.
 - Year 1 f.** Define Committee mission, goals and objectives.
 - Year 2 g.** Develop protocol for collecting information from organizations and ministries.
2. Communicate and promote an atmosphere of mutual care and encouragement among congregants.

- Year 2** a. Strengthen individual and organizational efforts to stay connected to each other.
 - Year 1** b. Continue to reach out to the broader community.
- 3. Encourage the practice of hospitality as a ministry, embraced and owned by the entire membership
 - Year 1** a. Define role/responsibilities of Welcoming Committee.
 - Year 2** b. Encourage each organization to have a representative on the Welcoming Committee.
 - Year 3** c. Promote fellowship through sponsoring church and community activities, e.g., family nights, classes, expanded coffee hours.
- 4. Cultivate a culture of fellowship and hospitality in which visitors and newcomers will find a congregation that is warm, friendly and enthusiastic.
 - Year 1** a. Encourage members to serve as "hosts" for visitors and newcomers.
 - Year 1** b. Assure that visitors are identified, sign the guest book, and are asked about seating next to a "host".
- 5. Effectively incorporate new members into the life of the church through programs of growth and maturation.
 - Year 2** a. Organize a young adult discussion group.
 - Year 1** b. Continue to hold annual organization and ministry fair.
 - Year 2** c. Develop a handbook for newcomers that provides information about what one should know about the Episcopal Church, in general, and specifically about Atonement.

