

Saint Mark's Cathedral Strategic Planning

Meeting with the Cathedral Choir 11/10/2019 12:30 pm

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1. What is going well?

- Music is mentioned often in the announcements. Clergy and congregation express gratitude for the music ministry often.
- We are observing that there are more children involved in ministry
- The quality of the music is very high, and there is great variety of music that represents our Anglican heritage (well)
- We are able to maintain a high quality choral program without paid singers
- The choir school and Christmas pageant
- Sermons from a variety of voices and perspectives, female voices in the pulpit
- Justice ministries and their presence in the community
- Acceptance and inclusion
- Welcoming all comers- "Wherever you are on your spiritual journey..."
- Open table for communion
- Lots of new young families
- Mixture of ages at the 9 & 11 services

2. Where should we go?

- Create a better ideal of what "welcome" looks like
- Building awareness and skills around the idea of radical hospitality and welcome (4)
- Do a better job of identifying newcomers to the congregation/choir (1)
- Find a way for the choir to know the congregation better (1)
- More music with instruments/solos (2)
- Larger scale choral projects (major works) (3)
- Opportunities for the choir to bond socially (6)
- Improve the driveway connecting the north and south lots (1)

3. How do we get there?

- Schedule a large choir work with instruments (3)
- Photo directory of the congregation (4)
- Choir retreat and non-liturgical projects (talent show) (4)
- Recording project for the choir
- Choir strategic planning process (1)
- Opportunities to learn about and collaborate with other ministry groups
- "Meet the Choir" event (3)
- Individual meetings with Michael Kleinschmidt (1)

- Let the choir attend the 10am forum, or have forums at other times (1)
- Evensong rehearsal conflicts with Wednesday forum
- Repave the driveway behind the cathedral (1)