

Strategic Planning Meeting
Saint Mark's Singers
11/12/19

QUESTION #1: What is going well?

SMS [Saint Mark's Singers] on a trajectory of improvement

SMS has new youthful energy

New SMS vestments

Choir School

Diversity of ages (in the cathedral community as a whole)

Attendance at 9 a.m. service growing

Sanctuary Ministry (and not just the presence of Jaime alone, but all the events and presentations surrounding sanctuary and immigration issues)

Service Corps

Quality of the sermons

Both the similarity and variety of liturgies

Opportunities to get involved in social justice

The reputation of Saint Mark's in the community

Good internet presence

Taking "Welcome" seriously/sensitivity to needs of people who enter

QUESTION #2: Where should we go/grow?

(5) Musical Exchanges with other churches

(4) Programming around personal faith and prayer

(4) More opportunities for small-group music making

(2) Musical outreach → create opportunities for the unchurched to engage through music (e.g. neighborhood carol sing)

(1) Better communication about ministries

(1) Better outreach to the Compline congregation

(1) More opportunities for intergenerational fellowship

(1) Visual Art, especially in the nave

(1) Bring back Gratitude Gatherings

Engage better with the rest of the Diocese

Book-based educational opportunities (nonfiction/theology books)

Encounters with different theological perspectives

QUESTION #3: What do we need to do to get there?

(4) Coffee Shop

(4) "Liturgy Passport" (which would get stamped at all the different liturgies offered)

(3) Consider a wider diversity of musical styles for SMS

(2) "Summer choir" or small ad hoc musical ensembles for summer liturgies

(2) Music at Eucharistic Visits

(2) Survey of which ministries get communicated about, and which do not

(2) Singing at retirement communities

(1) SMS singing in different venues

(1) Bring back gift shop