

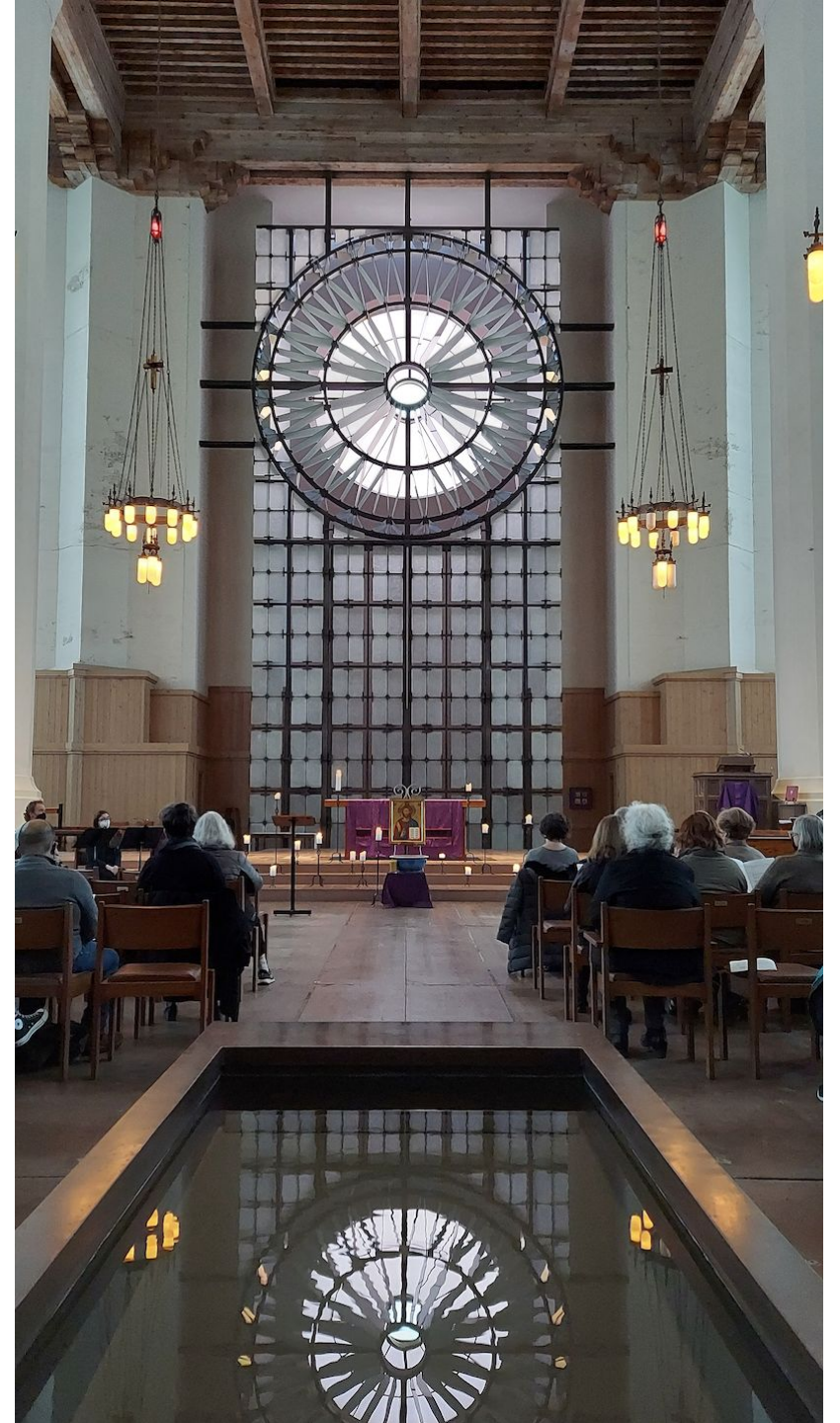


What We Learned From You *2023-2024 Strategic Planning*

SAINT MARK'S CATHEDRAL
January 31, 2024

AGENDA

- **Welcome**
>> Alexandra Thompson, Co-Chair
- **Land Acknowledgment, Opening Prayer**
>> Dean Steve Thomason
- **Background and Charge from Vestry**
>> Scott Hulet, Senior Warden
- **Transformation Model**
>> Emily Meeks, Co-Chair
- **Connections to Baptismal Covenant**
>> Canon Wendy Claire Barrie
- **Emerging Themes**
>> Alexandra Thompson & Strategic Planning members
- **Next Steps**
>> Kathy Minsch, Vestry
- **Closing Prayer**
>> Doug Thorpe, Vestry



BACKGROUND

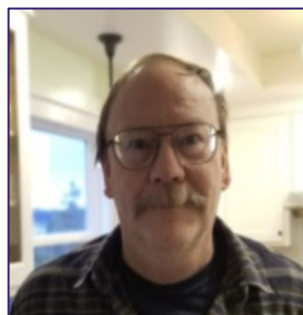
- April 2023: the Vestry recommends convening a Committee to develop a new Strategic Plan
- July 2023: Committee launched

***What does it mean
to be Church in
a post-pandemic
world?***



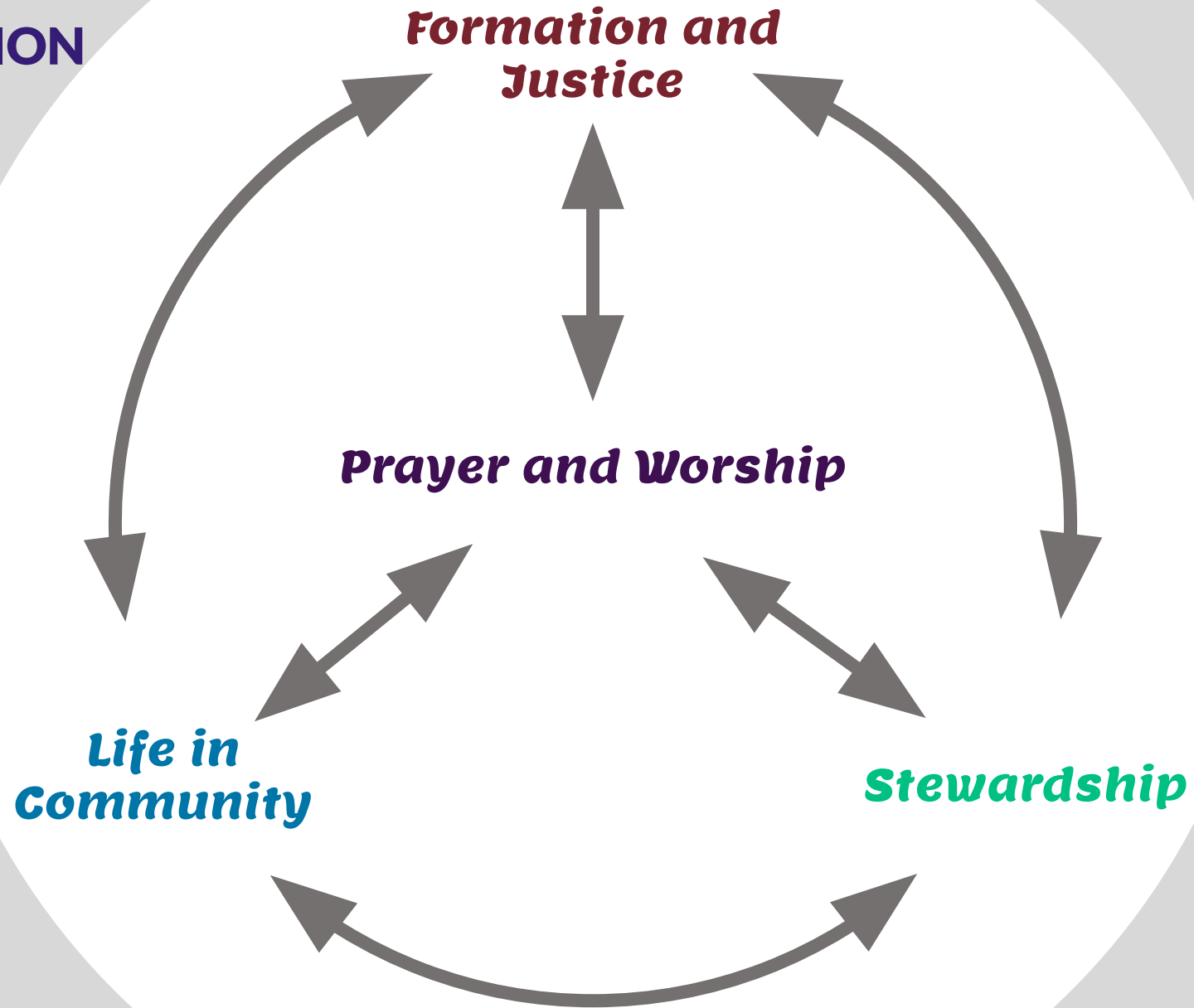
- >>Time frame: 18-24 months
- >>A focus on transformation

2023-2024 STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE



Seyi Akanni, Canon Wendy Claire Barrie, Elli Howard, Scott Hulet, Canon Michael Kleinschmidt, Julia Logan, Kathy Minsch, Emily Meeks (Co-Chair), Michael Perera, The Rev. Canon Linzi Stahlecker, Dean Steve Thomason, Alexandra Thompson (Co-Chair) and Doug Thorpe

SOURCES OF TRANSFORMATION



PARISH OUTREACH

- All-Parish Survey during the month of November
- More than 70 interviews with ministry groups
- Engagement activities in between services



CONNECTIONS TO BAPTISMAL COVENANT



We will ***with God's
help***

THE SIX PROMISES OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

(p. 304-5 in BCP)

- 1.** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- 2.** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- 3.** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- 4.** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- 5.** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- 6.** Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

BREAKOUT GROUPS

Choose a baptismal promise.

***Where do you see this
promise being lived out...***

in your everyday life at home,
at work,
or in your community?



THEMES



- 1.** Being Rooted in Spiritual Practices
- 2.** Empowering the Call to Action and Service
- 3.** Cultivating Diverse Community
- 4.** Stewarding Our Resources
- 5.** Expanding Regional Reach and Welcome
- 6.** Connecting and Telling Our Stories

We are formed by key spiritual practices: prayer, worship, study, acts of justice, pilgrimage, retreat, generosity, Sabbath, and the care of creation.

Being Rooted in Spiritual Practices

::NOTICINGS / MEANINGFUL MOMENT / LOOKING AHEAD::



We support all in discerning and living out their call to ministry and commit to developing healthy ministry leaders.

Empowering the Call to Action and Service

::NOTICINGS / MEANINGFUL MOMENT / LOOKING AHEAD::



We actively seek and nurture diverse community through listening, connection and collaboration.

Cultivating Diverse Community

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We give generously of our time, talent, finances and property, and care for the Earth as we respond to the world's needs.

Stewarding Our Resources

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We welcome all and serve as a gathering place for the Diocese of Olympia, the Seattle community, and interfaith and mission-related organizations.

Expanding Regional Reach & Welcome

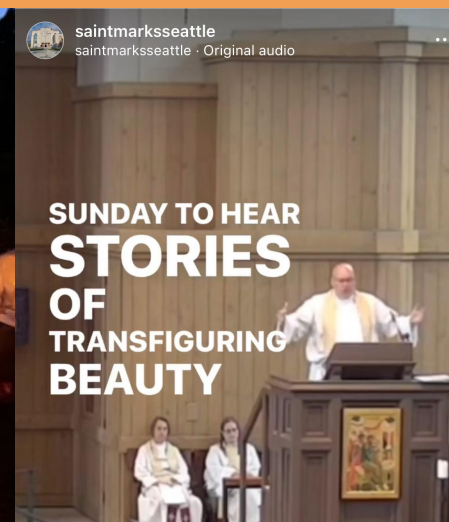
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We offer creative ways to connect with one another, navigate ministry resources, and tell our stories as a Parish and Cathedral.

Connecting and Telling Our Stories

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NEXT STEPS

- Present to Vestry at February 10 Retreat
- Share with parish and ministry leaders the week of February 12, pending Vestry approval
- Begin brainstorming how we live out the plan





Thank you.

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