

HISTORY of the COMMUNITY PROJECT FUND St. John's Episcopal Church, Aptos

November 13, 2018

Amma Eliza Linley, on behalf of the Outreach Committee, presents a request **that a tithe (10%) of all undesignated bequests to the parish, including the Strong bequest and the proceeds from the sale of the Mission St. property be designated for outreach. The purpose of this request was to “build up our community outside the walls of St. John's and to seek and serve Christ through those who are most in need.”**

December 11, 2018

The Vestry votes to table the request until a Parish-wide discernment takes place during Lent, 2019.

June 11, 2019

There is a Vestry discussion regarding the use of the whole of the Strong bequest, but no decision is made.

August 13, 2019

The Vestry accepts and affirms the outcome of the earlier discernment process and it is titled **Vision 2025**. There is no item in this vision re: the tithe of bequests.

September - December 2019 Could not determine the progress re: the request as there are no Vestry Meeting Minutes on the website and no mention of it in Outreach Committee Minutes either. **Apparently the Vestry must have voted, probably in November, to support the request for the tithe of undesignated bequests.**

March 10, 2020

The Vestry determines the **name of the fund will be Community Project Fund and a separate financial account is to be established for such with \$104,542**. The External Team of the Vestry and the Outreach Committee are charged with proposing a process for submitting proposals and having a parish vote.

PANDEMIC & Shelter in Place

April 14, 2020

Vestry adopts policy for the Capital Fund and the Community Project Fund (CPF) including statement that **CPF Project Selection process must be submitted to the Vestry for approval**.

Further, **the Outreach Committee requests an emergency use of the CPF for the needs of the poor due to Shelter in Place**. The committee notes this is counter to the

original purpose of the fund, but believes due to the pandemic there are limited means to address the whole parish.

The Vestry votes to allow \$10,000 from the CPF to be distributed to Santa Cruz Community Ventures (\$5,000) and to the Discretionary Funds of 10 Rectors/Vicars of parishes and missions in the diocese where the greatest need resided (with each entity receiving \$500 for a total of \$5,000).

January 10, 2021

The Outreach Committee had requested that an additional \$20,000 be used from the CPF for Covid-19 relief. The congregation agreed to this request.

January 24, 2021

The Vestry charged the staff to poll the congregation on how to use the \$20,000. It was determined the entire \$20,000 amount would be given to the Santa Cruz Community Foundation to distribute to local organizations with the most need.

Vestry Goal for 2022

Develop conversations and collect ideas for use of the CPF in more than the Vestry and the Outreach Committee.

Summer 2022 - December 2022

Outreach Committee works on forms, process and calendar for the CPF,

February 2023

Vestry approves the Outreach Committee Guidelines for implementing the CPF, which include a Submission and Review Committee (SRC).

May 2023

Vestry approves the Outreach Committee determined Calendar for the CPF and is to recruit members for the SRC, and recommends one project only with a cost up to \$80,000.

July 2023

Vestry appoints SRC comprised of: Kathy Butler, Laura Caldwell, Robin Gaither, Gina Muller, and Pat Dorr. The External Team of the Vestry solicit possible projects using forms devised by the Outreach Committee. Proposals are reviewed by the SRC for clarity and completeness of information.

September 2023

Outreach Committee and Project Applicants meet together and determine a schedule of Forums to introduce the projects to the parish and for the parish to vote. Dates: October 22, November 5 & 12. Voting week of November 12-19, 2023.