

Summary | **Where we are**

Your Rector Transition Committee has been formed by the Vestry to author a parish profile which will be used to advertise our need for clergy leadership. We have assembled a faithful group of ten volunteers, and are meeting and working together to create forums, events, and an extensive demographic survey, that will express the compelling story of our community. We are also building on what was learned about the congregation during the Lift Every Voice 2022 interviews.

The early phase of the team's work has been developed to help us gather together our vibrant history, personal stories, experiences, and vision as we walk together with Christ. With a goal "to articulate the ministry and mission of the parish" we hope to communicate to potential clergy candidates the qualities that make St. John's unique, and provoke several candidates to say: I want to be a part of what's happening there!



Our team members have made in-person announcements, drafted a formal prayer, posted notices, published messages in the eNews and Realm, and partnered with the Children's Church to create an artwork on display in the cafe. By engaging the congregation over the next few months, the team intends to better understand the broader themes that illustrate the character of who we are and where we are—as a spiritual communion.

At this point, our committee has hosted a Sunday forum held on March 17th, and started a conversation about parishioners' individual experiences being members of St. John's Episcopal Church, Aptos. The questionnaire created for the event is still available—by the way—for you to express some your personal story about how St. John's Church has impacted your life.

Our next Sunday forum 'Sources Of Transformation' is scheduled for April 21st, and is a facilitated activity designed to help us talk about our collective spiritual life. We hope you can attend this exciting gathering next month. Following this, we are planning to host a neighborhood exploratory walk, a legacy event, and two forums, one in May and one in early June, both led by The Canon To The Ordinary Martha Korienek from the Diocese Of El Camino Real.

We are planning to complete by summer our parish narrative and seek approval by the Vestry and then, the Diocesan Office. Further along the way, we will formally advertise our position, collect applications, author interview questions and eventually talk with candidates.

We ask you pray that the Holy Spirit be present among us during this journey, and we also pray the Holy Spirit will work outside our reach in the lives of potential rector candidates who are seeking their call to ministry.

