**Proposed Vestry Meeting Agenda November 20, 2019 7:00pm**

**7:00-7:15pm – As a Community of Theological Imagination**

Dwelling in the Word - Matt

**7:15-8:00pm – Doing the fiduciary work of the church**

**Consent of October vestry meeting minutes – Beth**

Beth needs to send out the minutes for October to be voted on at our December vestry meeting.

**Consent of October Treasurer’s Report – Patrick**

Approve by unanimous consent.

**Update on 2020 budgeting process/annual giving – Hope**

Some options to close the gap:

1. Remove $27,500 in one-time charges and take the funds from the accounts.
2. Looking at underspending and removing 4 months of the curate position would not yield enough to close the gap…still $19,000 gap.

Pledging Update: Received 32 pledge cards (not counting the Vestry). 6 units decreased and 11 units increased. Returning pledges (2). New pledges (3). The next step is to call those missing pledge units.

We will continue to work and update the budget, but what would the Vestry consider a reasonable gap. Patrick mentioned that there might be the possibility to carry forward an accrual from 2019.

**8:00-8:40pm – Forming Disciples and Apostles in God’s Mission**

**What are you hearing and how are people doing?**

People are questioning the chairs in the chairs in the chancellery. The parish may need to have changes communicated more than once, or in more than one forum.

**Updates from Transition Ministry**

**Youth Commission Conversations + a Worship “Try On” for the New Year**

Beginning in the New Year, looking at modeling ways of involving our young children in the service/liturgy. Attendance at Children’s Chapel has been sporadic, ranging from 0 to many. Requires quite a bit of preparation. Beginning in 2020, we will offer a children’s homily as an alternative. Matt will hold talking sessions (Dec. 7 from 12 to 2 and Tues Dec. 10 after the Advent service) to explain what we are doing and let people voice their opinions and concerns.

We are reforming the Youth Commission. Tapping adults to help us maintain safe church practices with our confirmation class.

**Pilgrimage to El Salvador request**

Sue Roman was present to request Vestry approval to send a 4th delegation to San Jose de la Montana from March 15 to 24 of 2020 which coincides with the feast day of San Jose, a time when many people return home. The visit would be conducted as a Pilgrimage for 8 people at a cost of $1200 (+ $600 for airfare) per person. This would be published as the cost of the Pilgrimage, but partial scholarships would be available. It would be appropriate for those age 16 and older. We work with Sister Parish Inc. who has a great deal of experience and take care of the housing, translation and accommodations. Would open this to Trinity members first, but then expand it to the Southwest region. There is a physicality to this trip that must be considered. Applications would be taken until December 30 with decisions made by January 15th.

This would be promoted in the eNews stating that partial scholarships are available, please let you needs be known.

The Vestry approved by unanimous assent.

**IPRR Fundraising partnership with Trinity**

Will continue throughout the month of November. Jenny has some events coming up where Trinity is partnering with IPRR offering Babysitting for Moms 12/20 and Yule Log Class 12/21.

**Christmas offering designation**

The vestry approved that the Christmas Fund be designated for a 50/50 split between F.A.I.T.H. Food Pantry and CT Students for a Dream.

**Discuss Vestry vacancies 2020**

Clerk position will be vacant for 2020. Dorothy Schmidt is considering.

Mary Anne Noyes Rider will be approached to consider being a Treasurer.

Hope is moving to Stamford.

Connie will be stepping down.

Both Youth positions will be vacant.

Jenny is looking for a time slot to host a Vestry meet and greet.

**Vestry Retreat – February 8, 2020**

**Annual Report Format** – vestry liaisons to submit report by December 20

Reminder – parish-wide conversation this Saturday, November 23, 9:30am-Noon

**8:40-8:45pm – Appreciations, Regrets, Learnings**

**8:45-9:00pm – Fed by Word and Sacraments**

Praying for one another

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*IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:*

Newtown Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Sunday, November 24, 1pm at Adath Israel

CT Choral Society @ Trinity – Saturday, November 23, 3:00pm

Waterbury Symphony @ Trinity – Saturday, November 30, 7:30pm

Newtown Holiday Festival @ Trinity– Sunday, December 8 activities at Trinity 2-3:30pm

Vestry Dinner—December 8 from 5:30 to 9:00 at the Rectory

12/14 7th Year Remembrance – Saturday December 14, 9am at Congregational Church

ECCT Spring Training – April 18, 2020 Berlin High School, registration begins in January