

## Interim Vicar's Report to Bishops Committee – July 11, 2017 Meeting

Worship statistics:

Month	Sunday HE	Private HC	Other
June	Total 276 – ASA 69	3	1 German; <i>Tri-Parish picnic Jun 25 in place of 10:30 worship</i>
May	Total 305 – ASA 76	None	1 German; 2 Committal
April	Total 475 - ASA 95	None	1 German; 1 Burial; 4 Holy Week = 86; Easter 135
March	Total 333 – ASA 83	1	1 German; 3 Ash Wed (75)
February	Total 330 – ASA 82	0	1 German
January	Total 393 – ASA 79	0	1 German, 4 Baptism, 1 Marriage

(HE = Sunday Holy Eucharist; ASA = Average Sunday attendance; HC = Home Communion)(Holy Wisdom meets for worship in our facilities regularly and we do not have any information about their services or attendance other than the schedule)

### **Worship:**

Sunday attendance remains consistent with some drop, but not significant. Some ministry scheduling will be difficult with people traveling and I've suggested to those who do the scheduling to not be overly concerned as we'll recruit from the congregation for the ministries that need to be done.

### **Joint picnic with Holy Wisdom Church**

Holy Wisdom is also involved in Interfaith works and the CIELO organization (an organization assisting Latino individuals and families). They plan a picnic on August 20<sup>th</sup> and invite us, and other local worship communities, to join them, to raise funds for CIELO. The picnic will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Time and other details to be announced.

### **Communications – Newsletter, Bulletins, Website, Facebook, other print and electronic**

Coordination between the information in the Sunday bulletin and Mailchimp information is going well. I've not been able to connect our Facebook page with MailChimp directly as no one seems to know the username and password for our FB page (I'm making separate postings with the MailChimp URL)

### **Tri-Parish Picnic**

I understand the picnic went well and was well attended. We will try to get on the Bishop's calendar early enough for next year to have the usual picnic/park areas reserved so there's not so much preparation and set up. A big THANK YOU to Paul and Larry for organizing the water and ice.

### **Juli Mallett's Ordination**

Juli has started as Curate at St. John's, Olympia. I hope to lure her away for a Sunday soon to have her celebrate and/or preach, and to honor her with a celebration and give her our gift for her ordination.

### **Stewardship Planning**

Our diocese is a member of TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship) and that makes available resources from them. The resources are limited and I've been talking with Canon Ousley about other sources. When considering recruiting members for our stewardship team, we need to seek people with a variety of talents and interest. The primary qualification is "Communicant in Good Standing", which means regular in worship attendance and financial giving, and participates in the ministries of the church.

### **Reports for Bishops Committee meetings**

A reminder - be good stewards of our time by providing an outline/or full report of any report you intend to make at our meetings. Send out at least a week before the meeting for members to review and be prepared to discuss. If you can only provide an outline – that too is helpful to set the tone and allow everyone to be better able to join in meaningful discussion.

### **Membership records**

Still working on it – gathering information. The next step is updating our records in Church Windows, which requires people to do the data input.

### **Creating a Safety Ministry Workshop**

Those who attended the workshop have not gotten together to brainstorm about where to go from here. I've asked for a report from each participant and those will be put together as information/recommendations for Bishops Committee. Attendees were: Gretchen O'Connor, Patti Ruby, Paul Conroy, and me.

In Christ's service,

Fr. Ed