

NOTES FROM AUGUST 21 COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

WHAT DO WE WANT TO CELEBRATE FROM THE PAST 12 YEARS?

Special events like the 10 year anniversary of the building.

Community outreach like the homeless shelter

Stowe Interfaith Coalition: greater awareness of relationships and activities

Collaboration with other faith communities in worship

Stronger clerical relationships

Creation of the Lay Preachers Guild

Resurrection/Renewal of the Pastoral Care Team

Knitting Guild

Increased Community Connections because of Rick

Welcoming community of people

Level and Depth of Commitment of the people

Rick:

Sermons, laughter, visit with folks at Soup Supper, presence at parish fundraisers, sermons, Tim

WHAT LOSSES DO WE NEED TO MOURN?

20+ people moved or died

Loss of opportunity to mourn their leaving/death

Inability to gather in grief or celebration of life

Loss of fellowship – coffee hour person to person conversation

Shifting roles because of COVID and loss of people

Absence of young children and the vitality they bring

Rick –

Unable to be with him when he lost his father and father-in-law
His inability to be with people who were sick and dying

Sense of helplessness in the face of losses COVID caused

Financial support

Energy consumed because of the extra thinking, adjusting, actions, fears caused by COVID

QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESENT TIME AS WE MOVE FORWARD

WHAT IS OUR CAPACITY?

Identify our passions, abilities, priorities, and available time,

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBILITIES?

Expectations about...

Worship is based on BCP

Worship is Sunday am

Church is Worship on Sunday at 10 am using the BCP

Coffee/Agape/Fellowship hour

Accoutrements and ceremonies of worship

Building

Roles and Responsibilities of “

Rector

Deacon

Vestry

Laity

Corporate Outreach and supporting individual ministries

WHAT IS GOD UP TO?

What organizations are doing God's work?

How we do discern what God is up to?

What is God doing in our individual lives?

How do we create space to be together, nurture our faith, and fashion our response?