STATE OF THE CATHEDRAL REPORT

Annual Parish Meeting

Second Sunday in Lent, 8th March, A.D. 2020

It has been only fourteen weeks since the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting, a meeting postponed for many painful months as we awaited the report of independent investigators looking into the circumstances of our founding rector's resignation and abrupt departure. Given that my last "State of the Cathedral Report" was only three months ago, this one will be a relatively short one. Nevertheless, there are a number of developments since Advent Sunday (when the postponed 2019 Annual Parish Meeting was held) that are worthy of our attention tonight.

All of the developments are positive.

Scripture is full of promises. Among my favorite promises is the one found in the fifth chapter of Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians: "He who has called you is faithful, and he will do it." (1Thess.5:24) God called St. Peter's Anglican Church into being. He called it into its role as Cathedral of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese. He has called us into an amazing future, and – cooperating in his call – He will do for us better things than we can desire or pray for, precisely because He is faithful and He is – and must always be – the chief actor in our story.

In this brief Report there are four things I want to focus on.

First, we really have succeeded in closing the painful chapter which stretched over a year and a half, from the end of August in 2018 until the beginning of January 2020. The Services of Lament and Repentance held on the Twelfth Day of Christmas, Sunday, January 5th, really did spiritually close the long ordeal. Since then, we really have been focused completely on the present and on the future. It continues to amaze us – though it really shouldn't – how faithfully offered liturgical acts really do have power to set us free and to turn night into day.

Second, in the early weeks of this new season, a Search Committee was named by the Vestry and began to function under the chairmanship of Chuck Lang. This seventeen member committee has already met 3 times, conducted or planned nineteen neighborhood conversations, and today released the online survey that – alongside what is learned from the neighborhood conversations – will be the most important content of our parish search profile.

Third, in January the Vestry agreed to organizing into five standing committees and two task forces: Executive Committee; Finance and Personnel; Property and Administration; Stewardship and Communication; Safeguarding; Profile and Search; and Mission Engagement. With the exception of the Executive Committee, all of the committees and task forces are populated by non-vestry, gifted parishioners, as well as by vestry members. A year ago, only the Finance Committee existed. Moreover, key staff leaders now report quarterly to the vestry, replacing a system of individual vestry members as "liaisons." This system promises real lay involvement in decision-making and would be the kind of infrastructure a new dean would expect to be in place. (A chart outlining this reorganization is in your packets.)

Fourth, the Cathedral staff have been organized into four functional networks: Worship and Pastoral Care; Adult Discipleship (both Formation and Fellowship); Children, Youth and Families; and Finance, Administration and Communication. The S.W.O..T (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Report, conducted in the fall of 2018, reported on an administrative arrangement that operated in "silos" all related to the Dean. These functioning networks promise to take us toward a much more integrated and effective pattern of cathedral planning and operation.

These are the "big four" of the last fourteen weeks, and they are all about the present and the future. May God be praised for His mercy, and for bringing into this new chapter of our life.

Just a few other comments I want to make. A communications strategy has been put in place to get quarterly attention in Tallahassee media: incredibly positive tv, radio and newspaper coverage surrounded the Liberty Cross launch in February. (Thank you, Karen Moore and Bryan Schultz.) Construction begins this week on a down-property electronic sign that will enable messaging to the thousands who pass by the Cathedral every day. Live-streaming of services began at Christmas and worshippers have begun to join us from hospital beds, remote military outposts and from across the Province and around the world. The 2020 budget shortfall reported in December has been reduced from \$430,000 to \$174,000 and, I am convinced, between the efforts of our stewardship and finance committees will be zeroed out (or nearly so) by summer. Feedback from Neighborhood Conversations is helping us stay abreast of concerns about our common life, making appropriate responses. And congregational responsiveness to the emerging health threat which is the coronavirus outbreak has enabled us to institute safeguards that protect the vulnerable, as we do intercede for deliverance, yet to do so with the joy of the Lord. (Even two weeks ago who could have imagined septuagenarians doing fistbumps, acolytes doing elbowrubs, worshippers making the peace sign to one another, and more hugs at the door than ever? God is good: All the time. And all the time: God is good.

For these things, and for so much more, I end by expressing my thanks to our awesome and devoted staff, to our amazing and sacrificial lay leadership, and to all of God's good and faithful people here at St. Peter's.

He who has called you is faithful, and he will do it.

LAL STAFF ORGANIZATION	 Canon for Worship Director of Music Director of Music Canon for Pastoral Care Header Verger & Disciple Life Administrator Audio & Visual Coordinator * Music Assistant * Music Associate Pastoral Associate ** 	 Choir Section Leaders * Canon for Adult Discipleship Connections Ministry Incentivizer ** Director of Parish Life Ministry Director of Parish Life Ministry Visitor and New Member Ministry Visitor and New Member Ministry Curate Associate Director, Charles Simeon Institute** Bookstore Manager* Canon for Spiritual Formation** 	Parent & Family Ministry Director of Youth Ministry Director of Children's Ministry Associate Director of Children's Ministry Asistant in Youth Ministry * Nursery Workers * 		 Website Manager * Sexton Assistant Sexton * Housekeeper * hedral budget. ment. Accountability structure is under review.
CATHEDRAL STAFF	Worship & Pastoral	Dean/	Children, Youth,	Finance, Administration,	 Website Manager * Sexton Sexton * Sexton * Assistant Sexton *
[Epiphany 2020]	Care Network	Bector	& Family Network	& Communication Network	

STAFF NETWORKS

Worship & Pastoral Care

Wes Jagoe, Convenor Chris Garven Matt Wilkins Dan Halladay Jeremy Redmond Debbie Garven Zaim Ipek Discipleship Michael Petty, Convenor Bill Krizner, Incentivizer Tina Campbell Amy Cooksey Sudduth Cummings Anne Wright Kathleen Smith Tyler Gongola <u>Children, Youth, Family</u> Alice Sanderson, Convenor Chris Risalvato Amy Hines Erica Lee Tayla Calhoun

Finance, Admin, Communication

Clay Tullos, Convenor		
Diane Biederman		
Ellen Culpepper	Bryan Schultz	
Jane Flynn	Krysten Claiborne	
Ed Buist	Amy Alexander	
Bill Dodds		
[Betty Heard]		

The networks are established to better connect all those who function in a related field. The networks are proposed to increase team effectiveness in prosecuting total and respective ministries For purposes of accountability, existing reports (who is accountable to whom) remain in place:

MP,MW,WJ,BK,EC,CG,,CT,DB,CR,AH,AS	to Abp.Bob
SC,TG,TC,AC,KS,AW	to Fr.Michael
DH,BS,KC,AA	to Clay Tullos
JF,EB,WD,BH	to Diane Biederman
JR	to Chris Garven
EL	to Amy Hines
ТС	to Chris Risalvato

QUARTERLY VESTRY REPORTS

Can. Wes Jagoe Chris Garven Can. Michael Petty Tina Campbell/Amy Cooksey Can. Matt Wilkins Chris Risalvato Amy Hines Alice Sanderson

RE), Junior Warden]; Mica, Jr. [2020]; n [2021] ess suspended.	PROFILE & SEARCH T.F.	 Chuck Lang, Chair Nancy Bennett Jack Campbell Julie Dombroski Joshua Eller Jerry Ford 	 Brian Jennings Billy Gomer Charles Long Jim Maples Joyce McNeill Rick Mosby Cristina Martinez Dewitt Miller Kristina Osterhaus Jaimi Wacksman Jaimi Wacksman MISSIONS BNGAGEMENT T.F. Julie O'Steen, Chair Ken Mayo, Co-Chair Christie Grant Chuck Lang Jim Flu
VESTRY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE [Epiphany 2020]	Abp. Robert Duncan [Interim Dean]; Budd Kneip [2019, Senior Warden]; Sam Bennett [2019, Junior Warden]; Jaimi Wacksman [2019]; Ann Wong [2019]; Matt Brown [2020]; Bud Carlson [2020]; David Mica, Jr. [2020]; Katrina Rolle [2020]; Jeff Kottkamp [2021]; Johanna Money [2021]; Julie O'Steen [2021] During the interim between Deans, the vestry is "frozen" and the normal electoral process suspended.	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Dean; Sr. Warden; Jr. Warden Meets weekly; Ex Officio to all Vestry Committees	Task Forces	& SAFEGUARDING ON Julie O'Steen nan Ann Wong Bud Carlson Sarah Christovich Daniel Halladay
			Ges	STEWARDSHIP & COMMUNICATION - Jaimi Wacksman - Katrina Rolle - Perry Fulkerson Cay Ford
			Vestry Committees	PROPERTY & ADMINSITRATION - Johanna Money - David Mica, Jr. Jim Maples
VE	Abp. Robert Dunca Jaimi Wacksman Katrin£ During the int			FINANCE & PERSONNEL - Mac McNeill, Chair - John Wood, Treasurer - Jerry Ford - Jerry Ford - Frank Shaw - Jeff Kottkamp [Proxy for Sr. Warden] [Proxy for Jr. Warden] [Proxy for Jr. Warden]

Vestry Committee Charter for 2020

STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

Rector and Wardens – *ex officio* relationship to all Committees and Task Forces Oversees and Presses forward all Vestry Committees/Responsibilities Principal Advisors to the Dean/Rector *Staff Support: Ellen Culpepper*

Finance and Personnel

Develops Annual Operating Budget Recommends Comprehensive Salary Scale Tracks Monthly Income and Expense, Recommending Budget Adjustments & Restraints *Staff Support: Clay Tullos*

Property and Administration

Recommends Project Priorities Considers Maintenance and Improvement Proposals Assesses Program Demands Staff Support: Diane Biederman

Stewardship and Communication

Shapes Annual Stewardship Campaign Follows-up on Pledge Commitments Assists with Communication Strategy *Staff Support: Abp. Bob*

Safeguarding

Assures compliance with Misconduct Prevention Policies of Gulf Atlantic Diocese Leads parish effort in awareness and vigilance Serves as First Responders in Misconduct Complaints *Staff Support: Christ Risalvato, Erica Lee*

TASK FORCES

Profile and Search

Develops Parish Profile (based on Neighborhood Conversations,

Questionnaire and Vision)

Contributes to and Evaluates Candidate List Provided by the Bishop Recommends Nominee for Election as Rector *Staff Support: Abp. Bob*

Mission Engagement

Evaluate (and Educate on) Present Mission Commitments

and Recommend Future Involvements Assess Involvements with a Jerusalem/Judea/Samaria/Ends of the Earth view Develop the position description for the next Missions Director/Coordinator *Staff Support: Ellen Culpepper*

Financial Notes for Annual Parish Meeting 2020

- 1) **Update on this year's budget**: We are currently \$173,895 short in pledges to meet this year's budget. The Stewardship Committee is meeting to look at ways to raise additional funds, while the Finance Committee is looking at possible budget cuts and other funds sources to cover this shortfall.
- 2) Update on Capital Campaign: Since the last Annual Parish Meeting the capital campaign fund has increased by \$71,195.
- 3) Update on Current Building Debt: Since the last annual parish meeting, we have reduced our debt by \$42,218. This reduction has the balance as of Feb. 29 to \$2,436,049.
- **4) Total Assets:** Our total assets since the last meeting have increased by \$661,682
- **5) Total Liabilities:** Our total liabilities since the last meeting have decreased by \$42,529

Independent Investigation of St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral GRACE RECOMMENDATIONS

Based upon the findings of this investigation, GRACE proposes several recommendations for the leadership of Saint Peter's Anglican Cathedral:

Addressing the Past

1. GRACE recommends that St. Peter's provide funding to assist all individuals who were the victims of clergy misconduct and interpersonal mistreatment by Father Eric referenced in this report.

2. GRACE recommends that the leadership of St. Peter's develop a plan that demonstrates authentic repentance to all the reported victims referenced in this report.

3. GRACE recommends that St. Peter's initiate an investigation into allegations of misconduct by church representatives that were brought to the attention of GRACE during the investigation.

The Present

1. GRACE recommends that St. Peter's host a service of lament and forgiveness related to the many profoundly troubling issues addressed by this investigation.

Moving Forward

1. GRACE recommends that St. Peter's develops a clergy misconduct policy that satisfies best practice standards – this should be done with assistance of an expert on clergy abuse matters.

2. GRACE recommends that St. Peter's reviews and revises all sexual misconduct policies to ensure that they satisfy best practice standards – this should be done with the assistance of an expert on sexual misconduct matters. (GRACE shall provide more specific details on this

Actions Taken / Pending

Therapeutic services, paid recovery plans, leaves of absence and other responses have been put in place as victims have self-identified.

A process of individual apology by the Bishop-in-Residence, on behalf of the Cathedral has been initiated.

The Bishop-in-Residence has initiated investigations and follow-ups as appropriate, recording conversations and proposed actions.

Three services were held on January 5th, 2020, with lament and repentance and nearly 700 congregants in attendance.

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3. GRACE recommends that St. Peter's reviews and revises all child protection policies to ensure that they satisfy best practice standards – this should be done with the assistance of an expert in child safeguarding.

4. GRACE recommends that St. Peter's develops clear reporting guidelines relating to allegations of clergy misconduct, sexual misconduct, and child maltreatment. These guidelines should include both internal reporting protocols and external reporting protocols that fully comply with state law.

5. GRACE recommends that St. Peter's takes steps to make all policies and protocols accessible on its website.

6. GRACE recommends that the leadership of St. Peter's seek a greater understanding of the spiritual impact of clergy misconduct, sexual misconduct, and child sexual abuse. This greater understanding should eventually facilitate a conversation to develop ways to minimize this pain for victims who wish to worship at St. Peter's.

7. GRACE recommends that St. Peter's develops a Safeguarding team that will:a) Facilitate a support ministry for survivors of clergy misconduct and sexual abuse.

b) Engage subject matter experts to provide and mandate substantive abuse and misconduct training to all clergy, staff, lay leaders, volunteers, and to make similar training available to the wider church membership. Implement Gulf Atlantic Diocese policy to serve as St. Peter's policy. Have Safeguarding TF assess GAD policy to identify and recommend concerning any short-comings.

Implement Gulf Atlantic Diocese policy to serve as St. Peter's policy.

Action required.

To be considered.

Safeguarding Team is formed. (1/25/20)

All staff and volunteers required to take the Diocesan Misconduct Prevention Training have now complied. (1/6,8/20) c) Facilitate ongoing training for all members of St. Peter's (adults and children) related to misconduct and abuse matters.

d) Play a central role in responding to reported policy violations.

e) Develop relationships with community partners who work in the field of addressing issues related to various types of misconduct and abuse.

8. GRACE recommends that the St. Peter's Pastoral staff and Vestry receive annual training on how to understand, identify, and respond to issues related to clergy misconduct, sexual abuse, and victimization.

9. GRACE recommends that the greater St. Peter's community receive ongoing education and training on issues related to the identification and response to clergy misconduct and other forms of abuse.

10. GRACE recommends training and awareness for the St. Peter's youth on how to identify and report all forms of clergy and/or sexual misconduct.

11. GRACE recommends that leadership of St. Peter's articulate ways the church community can have more transparent and healthy conversations that address all forms of misconduct and abuse, including but not limited to, clergy misconduct, spiritual abuse, interpersonal mistreatment, sexual abuse, family violence, and nonphysical/verbal abuse.

12. GRACE recommends that St. Peter's review the resources at the church to be

Ongoing

Ask safeguarding team to advise.

should include counseling in which a licensed clinician is able to provide evidence-based therapy and, within that setting, to also address the spiritual impact of all forms of abuse and misconduct.