

Proposed questions for vestry calling campaign.

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Some particular questions:

- How was worshipping together this summer?
- What is going on at St. Aidan's that you're excited about right now?

Some general questions:

This is a set of five questions and a modest script that could be used with each if it seems better to elicit a response. I based them on a list of things I believe we are called to do: worship, pray, teach, build community, and serve.

How could St. Aidan's enable you and your family to worship more effectively? You might think of times, places or styles of worship. You might be led to think of who is and who is not present. There are no bad or insignificant ideas here; all are grist for the mill. If you are satisfied with the opportunities we offer, we would like to know that too.

How could St. Aidan's contribute to you and your families personal prayer life outside of worship? This could include providing instruction on the practice of various spiritual disciplines, creation of small groups for prayer, or groups for other spiritual disciplines. It might include better information about the options we do have. If you are satisfied with the opportunities we offer, we would like to know that too.

How could St. Aidan's better assist with your and your family's with Christian education? You might have focus areas, specific courses, or times to suggest. You might also have suggestions that address other learning styles, such as experiential or visual learning. If you are satisfied with the opportunities we offer, we would like to know that too.

How could St. Aidan's encourage you and your family to greater participation and engagement in our community of faith? Perhaps we could offer smaller, more focused community groups. Perhaps we should try to get the whole body together more often. Or maybe you can suggest a focus for gatherings in which community growth would be a byproduct. If you are satisfied with the opportunities we offer, we would like to know that too.

How could St. Aidan's help you and your family engage in a increased level of service to the church and to the world. Would it help to have better information about what opportunities we have, and just what the expectations are for them? Should we develop additional opportunities with different, identified, characteristics? Should we try to teach more about why and how we can serve? If you are satisfied with the opportunities we offer, we would like to know that too.