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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

We, the Wardens, want to update you on what is happening in the transition to calling a new rector.

On Tuesday, July 26, 2011, the Portfolio Committee and the Wardens met with Canon Suzi Holding to outline the steps to calling a rector under the new procedures issued by the Office of Transitional Ministries (OTM). Canon Suzi will be our liaison and guide through the process of calling a new Rector.

The Portfolio Committee is chaired by Dr. Stephen Cox and includes the following members: Jack Mowers, John Gray, Sheila Hilliard, Grace Fu and Adriane Leader.

The Parish Portfolio is our next step. This will describe our parish – who we are, our faith and values, our worship, our vision for the future, the good things that All Saints’ has always represented. It will include stories and examples of the many ministries of our parish, and the wonderful array of gifts and experiences of the people who make up our parish. It includes a kind of “parish resume”, consisting of our answers to a set of standard questions.

When the Portfolio is completed, priests who are interested in seeking a new parish can search the OTM database using key words, and learn more about our wonderful parish. In turn they each have their own portfolios which include their essay responses to the same set of questions. This will make it easier to discern a match between priest and parish.

So, it’s important for the Portfolio Committee to hear *your* voice as a member of All Saints’! In early September you should receive a parish magazine with information about upcoming events – and a form asking you to respond (as an individual or as a family) to three questions:

- 1) What brought you to All Saints’?
- 2) What made you stay?
- 3) What do you see, or would you like to see, as the future of All Saints’?

You are asked to return your answers to the church within three weeks of receiving the form.

Your help is vitally important to the Portfolio Committee. The information you provide will be compiled into a notebook to help our future Rector get to know his congregation.

With the Portfolio in place, and posted to the national OTM website, the Vestry will assemble a Call Committee whose task, in coordination with Canon Holding, will be to review applications, to interview candidates, and finally to recommend a new Rector. The Call Committee is intended to represent the breadth of the various parish demographics. The Wardens hope to have the Vestry identify the members of the Call Committee in time for Bishop Mathes' visit at our Patronal Festival, Sunday, October 30, 2011. This means that the Committee could begin its work in early November.

The Wardens and Vestry thank you for your patience during the last five months. The parish is now ready to move forward. Please continue to pray for our interim rector, our retired priests, the wardens and vestry, and our search for the Godly man who will be our new shepherd and Rector.

Yours in Christ,

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