

1. What 3 missions are we trying to accomplish?

- Praising God, Serving Neighbor: Our primary mission as Christians is to actively embrace the great commandments (Mat 22: 37-39).
- *Renewing, Rejoicing, Welcoming*: We fulfill our mission by vigorously revitalizing and enriching the spiritual life of the parish family through dynamic, involving, inspiring ministries. (Phil 4:4)
- Witnessing Christ's love to the broader community with exemplary energy, dedication, kindness, courtesy and respect. (Mat 28: 19-20)

2. How do they further St. Peter's?

- In all things, we will do well by doing good. St. Peter's will thrive as a faith community, if we are rigorously faithful to the Gospel and responsive to the grace of the Holy Spirit. (Josh 24:15)
- While ministering to the needs of older, established parishioners, we will spiritually nurture new, young families and encourage them to become more active and in time assume greater involvement in positions of responsibility and leadership. (Mat 19: 13-14)
- We will constantly reach out to those members of our parish family who have become inactive or who have drifted away; positively encouraging them to be part of, and to draw strength from, a loving, supportive Christian community (Luke 15: 4-7)
- We will identify St. Peter's as a faithful witness of Christ's love in the community by our outstanding outreach ministries to the most vulnerable. (Mat 25:40)

3. Are there specific goals (not reflected in the mission) that should be accomplished?

To date we have strong anecdotal evidence to believe we are making progress with our mission. But we need to develop qualitative and quantitative measures for progress.

4. What are highlights of leadership/contribution?

- Increased initiatives for spiritual enrichment
 - Advent & Lenten Quiet Days
 - Weekly Bible Study
 - Lenten School of Spirituality
 - Children's Christmas Pageant
 - Enhanced Day School Eucharist
 - Child-friendly Family Service
- Maintaining Musical Ministry Excellence
 - Newly commissioned Mass setting & Anthem
 - Hymn Sing with Dr. Gere Hancock
 - Increased participation in Royal School of Church music and Treble Choir

- Creating new opportunities for outreach and fellowship
 - Coffee, Crafts & Conversation – opportunity for parish women to come together on projects of service to church and community
 - “Fellowship on the Fifth”
 - “Sunday Sundaes”
 - Creating chapter of Jean Vanier’s Faith & Light ministry to people with disabilities and their families
 - Increased links with ecumenical partners in Bay Shore religious community
 - Hosted this year’s Ecumenical Thanksgiving service
 - Creation of Circle of Hope Ministry to widows in parish
 - Support for AA meetings at St. Peter’s
 - Support for Scouting program at St. Peter’s – Troop 43
 - Highly successful 125th Anniversary Dinner
- Enhancing our Education Ministry
 - Homecoming Sunday linked with Day School – creating closer bond between parish and school
 - Initiated Day School Recognition Sunday
 - Increased participation of Day School Head in monthly services
 - Integrated phone and computer systems between parish and school
 - Recruited, new and able active advisory board leadership for Day School
 - Active members of National Association of Episcopal Schools
 - Monthly movie nights create closer bonds between parish and school
- Communications
 - The parish website is more illustrated, animated, interactive and user friendly.
 - The parish newsletter has been expanded, more illustrated and produced more timely and reliably, while costs have been controlled by continuing to produce it internally on our own office systems.
 - We have also increased the number of special mailings for stewardship, liturgical events, recognition and issues.
 - We also have a very active poster and picture program with visuals we produce.

5. Summary comment

- Over the past two years, St. Peter’s has nourished a very rich spiritual life based on adherence to sound scriptural guidance and full participation in the inspiring beauty of our traditional Episcopal liturgy. In addition to Sunday and holy day Rite 1 and Rite 2 worship, this has involved introduction of the initiatives enumerated above.
- Together we have created a much more receptive, hopeful atmosphere in the parish. This has been fostered in worship, preaching, events, regular and special messages of encouragement, and robust fellowship both regularly and on occasions such as the 125th Anniversary.
- With the support of a Diocesan subsidy and a grant from an anonymous donor, The Rev. Vivian Lam is serving as Day School chaplain as well as in a growing range of pastoral and liturgical duties; building our capabilities for faith formation and reaching prospective and inactive parishioners. It’s another positive sign of growth and renewal at St. Peter’s.