

Covenant for the Church of the Holy Trinity Discernment Committee

Adopted 11/6/2006

We will be stewards of the process entrusted to us by the Bishop, the Diocese, and the Vestry, understanding our ministry as that of servants to the parish. As such we are committed as individuals and as a group to the mission of discerning a new rector for Holy Trinity.

We seek always to be grounded in prayer and worship with time for reflection, silence and attentiveness to the Spirit of God in our midst.

We will be open to the possibilities and probability of renewal and transformation.

We agree to use consensus as our model of decision-making and we will welcome and respect the thoughts and diverse opinions of our fellow committee members. We commit to making constructive use of disagreement.

We will be open about our individual biases.

Each member has an equal place at the table.

We will make every effort to appreciate and be grateful for the different styles, gifts and approaches we bring to this process.

We will honor confidentiality. We will refrain from inappropriate disclosure of information. We will be respectful of those who have entrusted themselves to us in this process of discernment. We seek to serve with integrity, be fair and tell the truth.

Where appropriate, we will seek input and carefully listen to input from people throughout the parish, with gratitude for the gifts, insights and skills they offer.

We will frequently communicate the progress of the discernment process by way of personal communication and published reports.

Discernment Committee members: Cathy Stout, Chair; Ann Barbarin, Bob Burkholder, Fran Curtin, Jim Hemphill, Lars Knutsen, Mary Letzkus, Pat Platt, Heather Robino, Corinne Spangler, Bill Zahn, Rev. Richard L. Ullman, Consultant.