

Update for UPG and SJW regarding Transition Team June 2021

Greeting's members and friends,

We just wanted to give you a quick update on what is happening with the transition team. The Joint Congregation Councils voted to have the transition team continue their work and after a brief hiatus during Lent and Easter, the Transition Team met on May 25th in person. The Transition Team submitted several reports to the Joint Congregation Councils and hope to submit one or two more for the June 15th Joint Congregation Council Meeting.

The Joint Congregation Council accepted several reports, and we are now ready to begin town hall meetings. The reports are designed to provide a vision of what we could do in ministry if we officially merged or consolidated our three congregations into one community of faith. These are starting points for discussion and we are hopeful that during the town hall meetings more ideas, thoughts, and suggestions would be added to the current vision.

There is still work to be done and the Transition Team will continue their work. We strongly encourage you to read the various reports and come to the town hall meetings to share your thoughts as we continue the work to bring our congregations together. Nothing has been decided and your input is vital to the process moving forward as we continue to deliberate the possibilities of a single united church. We simply have documents to share a vision of what we could do in ministry together. Once the Transition Team completes their work and the town halls meetings have occurred, we will call for a congregational vote in each of our three congregations to determine if we will come together as one congregation. The UPG is already linked as a parish and that will not change unless we all vote to join together.

Please save these dates for town hall meetings:

July 25th following the 9 am worship service at Light of Christ

August 1st following the 9 am worship service at St. John's Windish

August 8th following the 9 am worship service at St. Peter's

Reports will be available at the beginning of July and can be mailed to those who do not have computer access. Reports will be posted on the daily emails, the UPG and St. John's Windish websites. Anyone is welcome to attend any of these meetings. You may attend all three or just one or two, what ever works with your schedule.

We are excited about all the ministry opportunities that we would have if we join together. God is calling us at this time and place to be God's hands and feet in our community.

Tony Villani, Chair of the Transition Team

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