***Notes from January 21, 2020 Congregational Conversation (29 present)***

*In light of the need to facilitate the use of monies from St. John’s, you are invited to participate in conversations…*

*We will endeavour to build consensus joyfully, thankfully, and with discernment.*

We discussed three questions in the context of five areas of church life (Ministry, Worship, Community-Building, Outreach, Resources) and remembering the four foci that came out of our Revitalization Work (engage seniors, nurture spiritual growth, live what we believe, enhance volunteer life).

 What are we proud of?

 What do we do well?

 What do we believe God has callus to do here/continue doing?

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**MINISTRY** means… care of the flock; outreach; worship; God’s way

We’re proud of/do well… welcoming people; fellowship; outreach; respecting diversity; commitment/attendance; party; initiative/s; generous; music/choir; volunteerism

We should explore… appeal to younger folks – alternative services; more socials; comfortable and accessible; mobility accessible; handrails; washroom; intentional “buddy-ing” for visitors; mental health education

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**WORSHIP** means… spiritual guidance; following liturgy; praising God; Anglican traditions; equipping and nurturing us; prayer; Eucharist; music

We’re proud of/do well… participation; sermons (when they’re short – ha ha); foster spirit of holiness; welcoming/warmth; enthusiastic; music

We should explore… money for music programme; money for office; enhance technology; sermons/services online; climate/ environmental focus

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**COMMUNITY-BUILDING** (within the church) means… having bodies; community awareness (Thyme, Brits on the Lake, XM Bazaar); inclusiveness; hospitality; awareness of gifts

We’re proud of/do well… “helping”; supporting each other; volunteerism; very inclusive

We should explore… pub night; fellowship with other churches; share resources; develop “church”/inter-faith networking connections; resolve privacy issues; advertising; promotion

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**OUTREACH** means… helping; North House; fundraising; filling a need; pastoral care/visitation; West Shore

We’re proud of/do well… “EVERYTHING”; listening to need/Holy Spirit; energy/creativity; community problem-solving; responsive/being open; how much we do

We should explore… POVERTY COALITION – better understand needs in community; education – scholarship; discretionary emergency fund for clergy; Nolan fund; Door hangers

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**RESOURCES** means… human/physical; space; money; talents; spiritual gifts/resources/holiness; willingness to change; leadership – music/clergy/committees

We’re proud of/do well… willingness to change; ALL OF THE ABOVE; volunteerism; good job on service programme and e-blasts★; sound system

We should explore… revenue stream; rent church out/chairs; how we share our space; networking; alternative service/opportunities; utilize data projector in services; pews – chairs/cushions

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Three items were written down in the parking lot (a sheet of paper at the side, allowing us to put comments and ideas on hold when they weren’t immediately relevant) and have now been added to the exploration areas.

**PARKING LOT**

Nolan fund – placed under OUTREACH

Pews – chairs/cushions – placed under RESOURCES

Door hangers - placed under OUTREACH

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