

Bishop's Committee Minutes
Good Samaritan Episcopal Church
January 15, 2017

Present: The Rev. Gray Lesesne, Lara Dreyer, Tom Gibbs, Wendy Meaden, Erin Hougland, Sam Young

Absent: None.

The Bishop's Committee convened at 12:05 p.m. after a busy Sunday morning Ministry Fair. Gray presented the proposed agenda for the meeting, and the group approved.

Priest-in-Charge Updates: Gray gave a general update on life in the congregation, and anticipated having 2016 year-end financial figures from the Diocesan bookkeeper in time for the February 2017 meeting.

Lilly Pathways to Vitality Curacy: Gray presented to the group the application for the Pathways Curacy program, which would enable Good Samaritan to receive the services of a full-time priest assistant for eight months as part of a three-congregation, 24 month residency. The focus of the residency would be on helping congregations on the cusp of growth to make progress toward financial stability and self-sufficiency as part of long-term health. The requirements are that 6-8 lay leaders would participate in monthly trainings in partnership with the new priest and supervisor. The Bishop's Committee encouraged Gray to apply on the congregation's behalf; he noted we would submit a draft of the application to the committee prior to its due date on February 15, 2017.

2017 Draft Goals: Gray presented a first draft of 2017 Congregational, Bishop's Committee, Staff, and Ministry Leaders goals and key processes. The Committee reviewed the draft, made suggestions for edits and expansions, and asked to see a second copy for adoption at the February 2017 meeting.

2017 Disbursement Request Form: As part of the Bishop's Committee's responsibilities for financial oversight, members will begin signing check requests for disbursement from the diocesan office in 2017, leading toward of managing all the books in 2018. The Committee approved a financial disbursement form as part of the meeting.

The Committee adjourned at 12:30 p.m.