

## **Congregational Conversations about Ministry Discernment**

We invite every member of the St. Paul's community to be a part of our discernment as we prepare a "portfolio" of our church in order to find our next Dean and Rector. The portfolio is a detailed portrait of our Cathedral community, our vision for the future, and the kind of leadership we seek. Please come to the following two facilitated meetings to provide your input.

**Meeting 1:** The purpose of this meeting is gather input on the qualities you seek in a Dean and Rector and your thoughts on where you see St. Paul's in the future. We will hold this conversation three different times so you can attend any one of the sessions that works for you. Each meeting will take place in the Commons Room.

- **Sunday, May 5**, 10-11AM (Adult Forum meeting time)
- **Tuesday, May 7**, 7-8PM
- **Thursday, May 9**, 5:30-6:30PM

**Meeting 2:** A parish-wide celebration and conversation, which will build on the earlier meetings, will take place **Friday, May 31, 6:30 to 8 p.m.** Dinner will be provided. Please mark your calendar and watch for more information about this event.

You will also notice large posters in the narthex at the beginning of May. Please provide your input, and encourage parishioners of all ages to add their thoughts.

You don't have to do any special preparation for these meetings; however, if you would like more information, our discernment expands on the congregational input already provided to the Urban Cathedral Study Report. Our conversations in May will give all of us a chance to confirm the information from this Report and enrich it with our own input as we work to find our next Dean and Rector. The Urban Cathedral Study Final Report is on the church website: [https://www.stpaulscathedralvt.org/uploads/8/0/2/2/80223354/final\\_copy\\_-\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_urban\\_cathedral\\_study\\_group.pdf](https://www.stpaulscathedralvt.org/uploads/8/0/2/2/80223354/final_copy_-_report_of_the_urban_cathedral_study_group.pdf).

Please join us for one of the meetings the week of May 5 and again at the parish celebration May 31. We look forward to your participation as we do this important work together. If you have questions about any of these meetings, or cannot come but want to add your thoughts, please contact any of the members of the Ministry Discernment Committee in person or by email: [MDCStPaulsVT@gmail.com](mailto:MDCStPaulsVT@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **Ministry Discernment Committee**

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