St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Survey 2019- *DUE BACK 2/17/2019*

As we search for a new priest to lead our congregation, we need to discover not only what qualities we seek in a priest, but also what qualities we aspire to as a church. Each parishioner’s answers to these questions will help us to understand better the hopes, the concerns, and the needs of our parish.

**Below are lists of aspects of our church life and also the roles and the traits of a priest. Please rank from 1 to 5 with 1 being the most important quality for each section.**

1. SUNDAY MORNINGS

\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Music

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Preaching

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Liturgy of Service (Rite I, Rite II, morning prayer)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christian Fellowship/Coffee Hour

**Additional Comments for section 1:**

2. ONGOING CHURCH FUNCTIONS

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pastoral Care of Parishioners (e.g., hospital visits)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Community Outreach (e.g., food pantry, St. Andrews, homeless) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Fellowship Activities within St. Thomas (e.g., picnics, game nights, movie nights) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Vestry, Committees, Volunteering (e.g., gardening)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church business affairs (i.e., our finances)

**Additional Comments for section 2:**

3. RECTOR’S ROLES

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Preacher (sermons)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Counselor

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Outreach & Community Leader

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Evangelist (bringing others to Christ)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Youth ministry

**Additional Comments for section 3:**

4. RECTOR’S ROLES-

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher (all aspects of Christian Education)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Comforter

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual / Theological Guide

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Administrative Leader

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Social Network savvy

**Additional Comments for section 4:**

5. RECTOR’S CHARACTER & ATTITUDES

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Decisive

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Enthusiastic (not reserved)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Avoids conflict, Seeks Consensus

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Views scripture as authoritative

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Relevant

**Additional Comments for section 5:**

6. RECTORS Personality

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Accepting of all

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Animated

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Approachable

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christ-Like

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Out-Going

**Additional Comments for section 6:**

7. RECTOR’S Communication Methods

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Delegates to Others

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Utilizes social media approaches including Facebook/Instagram/Twitter/Website

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Conversational Sermon delivery (as opposed to authoritative)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Freely adapts Sunday worship service

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Acts directly as a Manager

**Additional Comments for section 7:**

8. RECTOR’S AREAS OF EMPHASIS

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Directly promotes Stewardship

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Regularly makes family visits

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Emphasis on social issues

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Emphasis on national and world missions

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Evangelism and Church membership

**Additional Comments for section 8:**

**The next several questions deal with your PERSONAL VIEWS towards aspects of our church. In the blank after the statement, please write a 1 (one) if you strongly agree and a 3 (three) if you strongly disagree. Enter 2 (two) if you feel neutral on the item.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 9. I would support a relationship building ministry that introduces people to Christ.

Comment:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10. The church should be active concerning social / public issues.

Comment:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Music is an integral part of our service.

Comment:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 12. We need opportunities for Adult Christian Education

Comment:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Our hours of worship and the Rites I & II schedules are working for me.

Comment:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 14. I am concerned about church finances and membership.

Comment:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 15. We are currently doing enough community outreach

Comment:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 16. A rector needs to be comfortable with change & experimentation

Comment:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 17. A rector needs to manage but not be totally directive

Comment:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 18. A rector should foster more volunteers from newcomers/underutilized members

Comment:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Our church needs to needs to do more to engage with non traditional/new families in our community

Comment:

**Often the wording of surveys does not allow people to express precisely how they think or feel on issues. So please feel free to write below to give whatever input you have about our church and our future rector.**

* You might think about what our church does well right now but also your fears and concerns for the parish.
* You might want to suggest goals, paths, actions, or missions for the future, but you might also look back to identify missteps or shortcomings.
* Perhaps you miss things from the past or you have a sense of what non members of St. Thomas might desire in a church.