

Trinity Church Vestry Meeting Summary

June 2026

The Vestry met on Tuesday, June 16, at 5:30pm in the conference room at Trinity Church. Three elected members joined virtually. Two elected members were absent.

Page McCorkle, co-leader of the Becoming Beloved Community Book Group, started the meeting by sharing information about the group and their activity, including past reading selections. The group began in 2021 and meets regularly to discuss book selections focused on social justice themes. Page reported that the group has been a welcoming space to dissect these difficult topics, and that people continue to find it very valuable.

John Kramp shared an acrostic as the devotion based on the structure of Psalm 119, which was followed by prayer requests and prayer.

The consent agenda was considered and approved.

Jan Hildebrand, Director of Finance, commented on the financial reports through the end of May, which show a \$21,000 surplus. Previously discussed overages in the printing budget have been, at least partially, resolved with a new Toshiba contract and a system to more accurately account for copier and printer use. Moving the Ann Perry Carr Trust funds is still underway; all the necessary documentation has been provided to Vanguard, so we are simply waiting for them to process.

The Rev. Amy Peterson shared that she has been selected to be on the search committee for the new Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina. The process will begin with a retreat for the search committee at Valle Crucis next weekend.

Senior and Junior Wardens, Craig Weeks and Nancy Dexter encouraged people to proactively think about names that they might want to nominate for Vestry service. The formal nomination process will open in August.

The Rev. Dr. Scott White shared that the Appreciative Inquiry events have continued to go very well and there will be a final session on June 28, which is virtual-only. He hopes that this will capture a group of folks who have expressed interest but haven't been able to make it to the earlier in-person events. The next phase of the Appreciative Inquiry process will be to tease out the data gathered and discern what direction that takes the parish.

The Outreach Team hosted a social event last week to recruit new members, which went very well.

Scott reported that he is looking into starting an Education for Ministry (EfM) group at Trinity again. Prior to Covid, Trinity was a leader in our Diocese for this program. He knows of at least one parishioner who is willing to serve as a mentor and is gauging interest from others.

Scott is planning on setting up a meeting outside of the normal Vestry meeting time to discuss long-term parking solutions. We have gained a sense of our options, and he would like to parse through them as a group to determine what is the most sensible path forward.

Nancy Dexter, Junior Warden, shared that at the last Appreciative Inquiry event, she spoke with two teenagers who both expressed interest in more leadership opportunities for youth. There was a brief discussion brainstorming ways to incorporate roles for the youth, including a youth liaison to the Vestry or having the confirmation group attend a Vestry meeting to get a sense of the governance of the church. Scott said that Nanette Popa, Director of Children and Family Ministries, and Debbie Cox, Director of Youth Ministries, will be developing an Appreciative Inquiry process to specifically engage the teenagers.

There was a moment of off-the-record time.

The meeting adjourned.