

Question #1 for Reflection:

As Christ Church in Exeter -- looking at where we've been and where we might go over the next ten years -- what things are essential to our life together?

Understanding people that are different than us

Finding out how each of us ministers to the world together

Listening to each other

Ministering to our vibrant multiage Christ Church Community- continue to embrace our diversity knowing each other better than we do, noticing

Together and present

Continued support of each other and our ministries

Continuing to grow the parish with multi-generational members from diverse backgrounds.

Continue our amazing kindness & compassion for each other

more intergenerational activities (not just the forum)

A way to provide service and connection between church members

Service

The community services

Service to others

Community service

outreach. missions. doing and being the kind of Christians that recall the 1st century when their kindness and compassion won over the world

A sense that we all participate in our own ministries in our daily lives, recognizing what those gifts are for each of us, and emboldening others to take action with it.

Concrete forms of outreach in which more of our parishioners are involved.

outreach and activities are the most important aspects to keeping our church a community and a place where people want to return to!

outreach, service

Happiness

Fun

Peace

Friendship

Faith

Community

Connection

Education

Flexibility

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

Love, Love

Fellowship Fellowship Fellowship, Fellowship,

Family, Family, Family

Inclusion

Ensuring a loving, hospitable environment is constantly present and demonstrated.

Welcoming environment to all

Corporate worship

A place to remember people who died

A place to pray

A place to be free of worry

Bring back flags to church

bringing back those who "were part of the church when their children were growing

Bringing in more young people and young adults

An ongoing, active place and role for teenagers and youth.

Continued enrichment to our youth programs

A place for children to grow in their understanding and love for God

Greater participation

Taking our story into the community by exploring all social avenues. People need to know we're here

Something to entice my children and husband to want to participate more

Outstanding internal & external communication

radical efforts of communications between vestry and parish

Renovation of Harris hall

Creating a physical environment that meets the needs of the parishioners and provides a serene place for worship.

Trusting in the holy spirit to show us the way

Strengthening our faith in the power of Jesus to heal

Connect with the Holy Spirit.

Acknowledge the Holy Spirit.

Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance.

not being so "stuck" on ways that feel old or stale, while keeping the essence of the essentials

Less emphasis on committee led ministry & more promotion on team led ministry.

Question #2

Jesus said to his early followers at the beginning of his ministry, "Come and see." The church often uses "Come and see" as an invitation for people searching for a church to come and visit. If we were to change directions and "Go and look" what might we find in our towns, the region, the larger society and world that might call us to respond?

(List needs or concerns)

Also: What might be our calling, our special gift or contribution to the local, regional, national or even global community? What kinds of outreach and mission initiatives might we introduce or expand?

SEE:

as lack of real connection with one another...lack of true community
there are also many who are in need of emotional and financial assistance

DO:

Outreach

Community Service

would like to see us embrace the kinds of outreach that allows us to walk in another's shoes as much as possible...whatever outreach we do really needs to give us these opportunities to get outside of what is comfortable for us

I think we also need to consider the natural benefits and wonders of the area that God created and that we need to help protect this. I think outreach in our church could include taking a more proactive approach to assisting in these ways with protecting nature and assisting those who are really in need (i.e.: SFP, clearing nature trails, home visits or assistance to those elderly/disabled in need).

We can reach many more people through our outreach.

Community Center

attempting to create a community center using the infrastructure (buildings and land) of Christ Church

how to learn some comprehensive information on hunger issues, local, national, and global. Perhaps articles for the ANCHOR by many in the congregation and different ways to respond

A focus beyond worship that includes spiritual formation and education and action. The church needs to be a place where we learn about being a follower of Jesus and get a chance to put it into practice.

Approaching our life here from a theologically grounded perspective. Moving away from secular motivations

Forgiveness and reconciliation

Music

Engaging our youth

Community, love, Jesus, Friendship, Love, God, Life, Holy Spirit