



Cross Roads at St. John's

How?

- A total of 5 informational meetings were held (4 at the Church and 1 in NYC)
- Approximately 60 different people attended the meetings. (Some attended more than once and were counted only once)
- The same Cross Roads message was given at each meeting, with a major emphasis on the question of ability to sustain a full-time parish priest and our programs with our present financial position (based on pledges and use of endowment)
- Everyone was given an opportunity to speak, ask questions, and express their opinion

What?

- The vast majority felt we should do all that we can to retain a full-time parish priest
- Most felt we should work with The Episcopal Church in Connecticut to achieve a sustainable financial plan for the next 5 years
- Many ideas were presented regarding fundraising
- Most felt we should reach out to our parish to erase the \$20K pledge deficit by asking members for additional monetary support
- Almost all agreed we must use no more than 5% of our endowment to fund operations
- We will continue to explore ideas of cost sharing opportunities with other Episcopal Churches and entities
- We need more people to help with individual ministries – including Stewardship, Appalachian Trail, Angel Tree, Finance Committee, Choir, Altar Guild, Fall Festival, Vestry and many more!
- We need to be in church, reach out to others to be with us, and ask former members, lapsed Episcopalians to give us a try

Next Steps?

- Parish Leadership will develop 5-year financial plan* to sustain a full-time parish priest
- Raise necessary resources to fund the work of a full-time parish priest (Capital Campaign)
- Review possible engagement and collaboration with potential area partners (Noble, Geer, Sharon Hospital, and other area churches)
- Develop case for support - greater engagement of members (past and present), friends of St. John's, prospective members and community partners

*required by The Episcopal Church in Connecticut in order call a Rector