

The Search Process Is a Spiritual Endeavor

Come, Holy Spirit;
Make your presence known.
Give to us eyes to see the mystery,
Ears to hear your Word,
And a heart to follow you. Amen.

Discernment in calling a new rector involves being open and available to the Holy Spirit's movement. Each moment in the search process welcomes the Spirit's presence. Throughout committee meetings, town meetings, focus groups, profile development, budget preparation, and interviewing, the Holy Spirit can lead and guide. The search process is a way to focus our energies on God's vision and imagination and not our own.

When we are willing, the Spirit inspires us to be changed and renewed as members, vestries, search committees, as congregations in transition, as clergy called to serve in new places in new ways.

During your time of transition, may your prayer as vestry, as search committee, as congregation, be: Come, Holy Spirit.