

A Summary booklet of the world of the Mission & Outreach Task Force, 2018-2019

The Mission & Outreach Task Force was commissioned by the parish to guide St. David's:

1. To be more active in the local community – utilizing our Soup & Bread Suppers more fully
2. To pare down (focus) on our parish wide outreach and partner with other churches
3. To improve relationship with students (revive Canterbury)
4. Be a haven, an optimistic place
5. To improve our welcome to Spanish-speakers
6. To include foreign and/or global missions in our outreach
7. To foster protection and appreciation of God's green earth

Four Core Values were discerned to by this Task Force to guide our Outreach efforts:

1. COLLABORATION – teamwork, respect, sincerity ↑
2. RELATIONSHIP – fun, compassion, welcoming, humility
3. STEWARDSHIP - respect, justice, persistence
4. OPENNESS – wonder, creativity, flexibility

Undergirding these is the concept of growth – of mission, outreach, and, therefore, the church

The vestry already has enacted the suggestions put forth by this Task Force. (See vestry minutes beginning Dec. 18, 2018) These are summarized below.

1. The following schedule for supported Outreach agencies for 2019 was developed and is currently published in the Sunday bulletin, the Coracle, and on the website.
 - a. The vestry voted to commit to raising funds to support each of these ministries with a minimum financial gift of \$500/yr as suggested by this group. In addition, members of the vestry are making personal contact with each agency at least three times during the month they are the featured agency for support. Building relationships!
 - b. The first Sunday offerings are now announced ahead of time at Sunday announcements, in the Sunday bulletins, the Coracle, and on the website as recommended. The agencies have been invited to send reps to the Soup Suppers to encourage a deepening of the relational experience and increased awareness of why/how we support their work.

2019 Outreach Support

from the loose plate collections on 1st Sundays and the
Soup & Bread Community Suppers:

- * Jan: Circles of Hope * Feb: Clean Slate
- * Mar: Community Table. * Apr: MainSpring Land Trust
- * May: Outreach (general)
- * Jun, Jul, Aug: Outreach (general). No Soup Suppers.
- * Aug: school supplies drive * Sep: Vecinos
- * Oct: Midwives for Haiti * Nov: tbd
- * Dec: Outreach in general. No Soup Supper

2. The vestry decided at their annual retreat in January to rename the Parish Hall, The Gathering Place.” as part of our effort to strengthen our relationship with our local community through the SEOL community workshops. Signs for The Gathering Place have been commissioned, printed, and are ready to be installed soon.
3. A WCU Outreach team is being formed, [Brian Railsback](#) as chair supported by [Judy Robinson](#), Sr. Warden, to prepare for the fall semester welcome of students.
 - a. St. David’s will participate in Valley Balley Hoo (WCU welcome to students) and begin this ministry development in earnest at that time.

Future endeavor:

There is an expressed shared desire to work on the trail at St. David's. in the back of the church property, but there has been no movement on this as of July1, 2019. Its time will come.