

ALL SAINTS'

Episcopal Church & Day School

Seeking a deeper life in Christ
A more holy communion with one another
A greater love for the world

“... forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”
The Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians

February 9, 2009

Dear Members of the All Saints' Community,

Now, more than ever, is the time for us to press on. As a parish community—Church and Day School together—we have come so far. A new Head of School has been chosen, and the Parish Profile has been accepted by the Bishop of Arizona officially opening the screening process of potential candidates for Rector by the Nominating Committee. The Parish Profile will be online in the next few days for public viewing.

As with any process, sometimes you have to be in the middle of it to realize where things aren't meshing as well as they could. Not because there is something wrong, but because they simply don't fit. An example is the relationship between the Parish and our Interim Rector. Last Thursday, the Vestry voted to conclude our contract with The Reverend Leonard Evans as Interim Rector. We thank Father Evans for his service and wish him well on his journey.

Bishop Kirk Smith was fully supportive of the Vestry's action, and has appointed The Reverend Marian Fortner to serve as Priest-in-Charge, and The Right Reverend William Burrill to serve as the Interim Advisor during this last segment of the search process. The Bishop has further stated that he is impressed by the work of the Nominating Committee and confident that the process we have in place for selecting a new Rector is moving forward in both a thorough and timely fashion.

The Rector Nominating Committee has scheduled several dates to present the Parish Profile and the results of the November, 2008 survey to the All Saints' Community. We encourage your attendance and participation at one of these events.

They are as follows:

- Sunday, February 22, 2009 at the coffee hour following the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist.
- Monday, February 23, 2009 at 8:15 a.m. in Manning Hall.
- Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in St. Barbara I/II meeting rooms.

This is a time of great change and great possibility at All Saints'. So let us, with St. Paul, press on. Let us, united with the Apostle, proclaim that He who has begun a great work in us will, indeed, complete it.

Faithfully yours,



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