

## **Worship and Music Ministry Team Planning Meeting, May 16, 2015**

### **Executive Summary**

#### **Reflections about Lent and Easter Season Worship**

Participants expressed appreciation for the beautiful music, excellent sermon, and joyful appearance of the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The Kyrie during the season of Lent was especially meaningful. Noon services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were appreciated.

#### **Worship Planning**

Setting 4 from *With One Voice* will be used for liturgy music throughout Pentecost, beginning with June 7. This setting is familiar to the congregation and was used in Pentecost 2014. Beginning with services on May 31, choir members will be seated in the congregation and special music will be offered by individuals and small groups. Psalms will be spoken. Nancy-Pat Weaver and Tim Bensch will serve as musicians when Hyojin and her family are in Korea. The Rev. Richard Reichard and the Rev. Glenn Sea will lead worship, preach, and preside during the Sundays Pastor Gary is attending the Youth Gathering in Detroit and is on vacation. Choirs will resume practice Thursday, September 10 in preparation for singing/leading the music of worship beginning Sunday, September 13.

#### **Opportunities to Volunteer**

Pastor Gary and Nancy-Pat expressed appreciation for all the Saints who so generously and faithfully offer their time and talent to making worship meaningful at All Saints. At this time it would be especially helpful to have individuals who would be willing to organize, schedule, and recruit volunteers for various worship roles

#### **Recommendations Regarding Worship Enhancements**

The team recommended that we begin to offer visual enhancements to worship during Pentecost and seek congregational input and suggestions to guide future planning regarding incorporating visual enhancements within worship services. The team supported occasionally offering interactive sermons during Pentecost. Additionally, the team encouraged consideration of barriers that potential and new worshippers experience with unfamiliar worship language.

#### **Growing the Choir**

One of the short term priorities of the team is "Growing the Choir." Contact will be made with the Music Department at Prince Georges Community College to offer an invitation for PGCC students/faculty to participate in music experiences at ASLC. An invitation to the broader community to participate in ASLC musical groups will be extended through the "Bowie Patch" community website.

#### **Long Term Priorities**

- We will welcome all to worship with us, regardless of race, gender preference, or socio-economic situation. The Gospel was, is, and always must be for all.
- We will reach out to involve and invite others – members, friends, and "seekers" through our Website and social media as well as personal contact.
- We will continually review our mission and vision statements in view of cultural changes and the importance of "inviting" others and extending our ministry.

