



# INTRANSITION

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## HOLY ONE,

Behold this your family of St. Michael and All Angels as we enter this tender time.

Although we may be anxious as you lead us to a new place, we know you are with us as comfort and strength.

Stand by us as we grieve endings and anticipate new beginnings with hope.

Grant us patience with one another, courage and imagination to embrace new visions of our future, and trust in those we have chosen to lead our parish.

*Amen.*



*Whatever God has promised gets stamped with the Yes of Jesus. In him, this is what we preach and pray, the great Amen, God's Yes and our Yes together, gloriously evident. God affirms us, making us a sure thing in Christ, putting his Yes within us. By his Spirit he has stamped us with his eternal pledge—a sure beginning of what he is destined to complete.*

2 Corinthians 1:19-21

## FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS,

Time is a curious thing. Some times seem to sprint ahead a break-neck speed. Other times seem more relaxed and even-paced. The only thing that seems to remain constant is that time continues to move forward. Exactly one year ago, we were all basking in the afterglow of the visit by our Presiding Bishop, Catherine Jefferts Shori.

Last year, as we began our Transition Journey, I mentioned at one of our Sunday Forums that we would strive to communicate in the most open way what is happening at any given time. It is now time to form the two committees once again described in this newsletter which will soon begin to take the next necessary steps in our journey to calling a Rector. On behalf of the Vestry and congregation of St. Michael's, I would like to thank all of you who have submitted a letter of application to be considered for one of the committees. In our attempt to reach everyone in the Parish concerning this process, we are sending out this newsletter to encourage the rest of you to continue prayerful consideration of applying for one of these committees.

If you haven't already done so, please read this publication carefully and take some private time in discernment and prayer. The commitment is great but so also are the rewards. Only God knows what we as a faith community will be experiencing next year at this time. Regardless, it will be a good thing and we will have moved on from where we are today.

Continued blessings on you all,

Michael Sagun, Sr. Warden

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## DEAR FRIENDS,

One of my favorite Lenten Gospels is the story of the woman at the well. What an amazing story of transition we experience in the woman's life in her long conversation with Jesus while she is drawing water in the middle of the day. First, the woman calls Jesus "a Jew." Then she addresses him as "sir" after he tells her that regular water will not quench her thirst, but he is the source of living water. As the conversation continues to unfold, the Samaritan woman refers to Jesus as "a Prophet" and invites her neighbors to come and see if he might be "the Messiah." The Samaritan woman seems to be moving from disdain to a place of belief. Her journey is unexpected and catches her off guard; she is surprised to discover both comfort and confidence in the assurance that her future is grounded in God. So it is with us; we are in the midst of the journey of transition – we are invited to live into the promise of the future – with resurrection hope just around the corner.

Fairthully,



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## A YEAR AGO

It was just a year ago that The Rev. John Scannell underwent heart surgery after announcing his retirement from St. Michael's. What remarkable work has been done by parish leadership, the staff, and the entire congregation to tenderly serve the community of St. Michael's through the events of the past year. John and Alice have entered into a new chapter in their lives. John's retirement presents a significant pastoral change in the life of St. Michael's since he is not available to officiate at weddings, funerals, baptisms, or other ministry or involvement in the life of the parish. This is an important time to prepare for new clergy leadership, giving John and Alice the freedom to enjoy a new season in their lives and to discern how to have a different relationship with them into the future.

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## 2008 VESTRY

Joan M. Yetter, Interim Rector;  
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Peter Miller '10  
Jonna Alexander '11;  
Josh English '11  
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Georgia Beardsley, Clerk; Martin Jetton, Treasurer

## TO ALL ST. MICHAEL'S PARISHIONERS:

As we move forward in our discernment period preparing to call a Rector, the Vestry would like to invite all who might be interested in serving our parish in some way, either on a committee or a support group, to participate to the best of their ability.

The committees which are being formed at this time are the Self-Study Committee and the Rector Discernment Committee. Information about each is as follows:

### Self-Study Committee:

A group of between 6 and 8 people, working for a period of approximately 3 to 4 months, whose major job is to develop a Parish Profile. This document will tell our story, state our hopes and visions, and describe what we are looking for in a Rector. Following diocesan directions and incorporating the insights gained from our Church Assessment Tool (CAT) survey, the finished document will be published on our website after being approved by the Vestry and the Bishop's office. This is the primary document used in the discernment process leading to the call of a Rector.

### Rector Discernment Committee:

This group of 11 to 13 people will manage all candidate applications at several levels of discernment over a period of 12 to 18 months, ultimately leading to supplying the Vestry with the number of qualified candidates requested by the Vestry at the beginning of the process. Information about the candidates will be collected by several means including written responses to questions, phone interviews, and actual visits to the potential candidates' parishes. All information collected and discussed by this committee is to be held in strict confidence.

If you are interested in serving on either of these committees, please fill out the information sheet on the next page and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The new closing date for receiving applications is March 30, 2008.

Thank you in advance for your time and interest. You will be contacted by a Vestry Member as soon as all applications have been reviewed.

# COMMITTEE INTEREST INFORMATION SHEET

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I usually attend the 7:30 / 9:00 / 11:00 / 1:00 service at St. Michael's

## **YOUR HISTORY AT ST. MICHAEL'S**

When you joined:

## **PARTICIPATION IN MINISTRY AREAS**

Past:

Present:

Skills:

Interests:

ALSO, in 100 words or less, please tell us why you would like to serve during this transition time and to which committee/team you feel drawn (Use a separate piece of paper if necessary).

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## TRANSITION TIMELINE

PREPARE PARISH STATUS REPORT	COMPLETED 2007
INTERIM PERIOD	BEGAN JULY 2, 2007
PARISH SURVEY CAT (NATIONAL CHURCH ASSESSMENT TOOL)	JULY/AUGUST — COMPLETED
REPORT ON CAT TO CONGREGATION	OCTOBER 2007 — COMPLETED
SELECTION OF INTERIM PRIEST BY VESTRY	JOAN YETTER HIRED IN OCTOBER, 2007
INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMITTEES	WINTER 2008
VESTRY APPOINTS DISCERNMENT AND PARISH SELF-STUDY COMMITTEES	SPRING 2008
PARISH SELF-STUDY PREPARED FOR VESTRY, DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE AND DIOCESAN OFFICE	SUMMER 2008
DISCERNMENT PROCESS BEGINS	FALL 2008