



EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT

PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION

Parish Self-Study

This self-study uses ECCT's definition of a parish as a basis for community reflection. While it is possible for the vestry to complete this work within itself, it is recommended that it be undertaken first in a parish meeting, with the vestry then gathering the results of that meeting into a coherent document, to be shared with potential candidates for Priest in Charge.

A parish in ECCT in the new missional age is a community ...

of theological imagination

...where our hearts and minds are moved by God's presence in our lives, in our neighborhoods, and in the world;

fed by Word & sacrament

...where our stories connect with God's story in Holy Scripture, and where we experience God's grace in baptism and Eucharist;

forming disciples and apostles in God's mission

...where people grow as followers of Jesus and are sent by the Holy Spirit into the world to join God's work of restoration and reconciliation;

and connected to the wider body of Christ

...by sharing our lives with companions in Christ across the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and the wider Church.

- How are we are living into each area of this definition?
- In which area(s) are we strongest and why?
- Which area(s) are the biggest challenge for us and why?
- How do we see our next PIC helping us to live more fully into this definition?

The completed Self-Study document consists of four sections, one devoted to each of the above questions.