

## **Rector Discernment Process Update**

### **February 7, 2018**

The Vestry is initiating the Discernment Process to discern whether St. Thomas parish is ready to call a new (permanent) rector and whether that rector should be the Priest in Charge (Keri). A Discernment Team has been appointed and consists of Joann Sweasy, Don Edwards, Ricardo Chavira, Mark Branch, Jennifer Herdt, Dan Harrison, Jen Regan and Claire Scully.

A very important part of this Process consists of meetings with members of our parish to determine if we have made progress on our goals, if we are seeing new signs of health or new life, and to determine what work is yet to be done. These meetings will take place on:

February 25, 2018 from 11:30-12:30 during coffee hour.

March 4, 2018 from 9-10AM room to be announced.

March 11, 2018 from 11:30-12:30 in the atrium.

Please make every effort to participate in at least one of these meetings. Please also feel free to contact any member of the Discernment Team should you have questions or concerns:

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As part of this process, the Team is also meeting with parish staff, staff from the school, and ministers within the New Haven community.

Once these meetings have taken place, the Team will make a recommendation to the vestry regarding our readiness to call a new rector.