

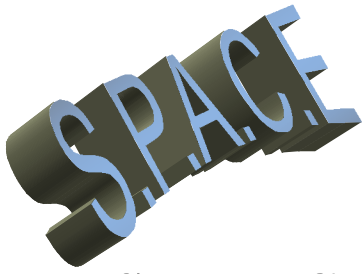
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Group Responses



First Group

- Want to be better known in the community – music preserved and nurtured (classical, not just sacred – multi cultural)
- More young people; many have said they like the traditional music and services. What will attract them? We may not have to conform to the rest of Society!
- A place of teaching and healing; prayer
- Inviting to the community from the outside in; what does the community need?
- Encourage diversity! A whole church of volunteers even if they're not Anglicans
- Accept the level of each person's volunteerism (not squash them into our standard view)
- More pastoral care – not just a parish nurse, but an all-encompassing coordinator
- Share awareness of what we have and what we do – teaching; brief talks about what the groups do – (communicate!) both in the church and outside.
- Be self-supporting and self-sustaining in mission; people don't give just to the church
- Stop navel gazing and act, International missions – send youth abroad
- Get to know the community better (different traditions, languages, etc.)
- Expand the garden to be more welcoming to all passers-by at all times (not just when the church is open – Labyrinth
- Make the Church more visible, especially at night, at Christmas - turn the Trinity memorial into a Christmas tree (solar panels?)
- Thought provoking church signs (visible, welcoming) [sign board available]
- Focus on what we do well and expand – nurture volunteers
- Nurture and preserve history – (archivist)
- Occasional contemporary services
- Vibrant St. Paul's Kanata All Saints Westboro /– what can we learn from them?

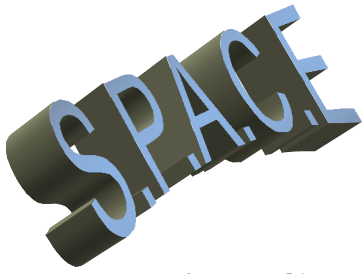


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Second Group

- Encourage others to come in – advertise – use special services as welcome
- Pastoral Care – parish nurse – shared ministry with other parishes – phoning ministry/visiting ministry
- Spiritual component
 - Open house – get to know your neighbour
 - Christian education for adults and children
 - Christian living – live our faith in today's world – speakers
- All upheld in prayer

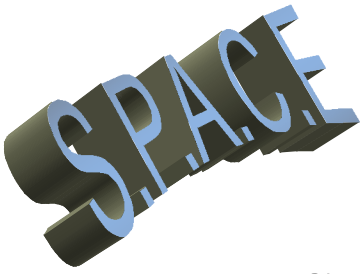


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Third Group

- Greening the Parish + leadership in the Ottawa West Deanery
- More visibility in the Community – communications all means (Facebook)
- Learning – offer classes, e.g. computer, Facebook
- Bus service (church van) for shut-ins/those without transport
- Attract more young people – pause table, open table, etc.
- More cooperation with other parishes – pulpit exchange, joint programs
- Continue Parish Nurse – hopefully fulltime and/or shared with other parishes

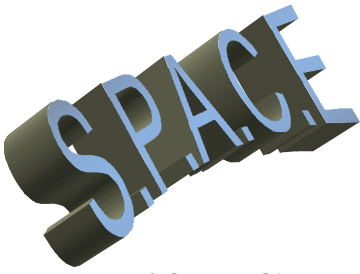


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Fourth Group

- The future of St. Mark's:
- A spiritual and social community centre
- A centre of multi-faith and multicultural togetherness
- A leader in outreach and communication forming more positive bonds with other organizations – starting locally
- We seek out marginalized people and spend time getting to know them
- We seek to integrate worship with those who can't come to church by using new technologies and creating a virtual church as well
- We take the worship outside the building – home communion – not just for shut-ins anymore!
- We want to attract youth to use our facilities – basketball hoops would be a great addition to our parking lot
- We celebrate each other through announcement time – listing our milestones and thanksgivings
- We become “greener”

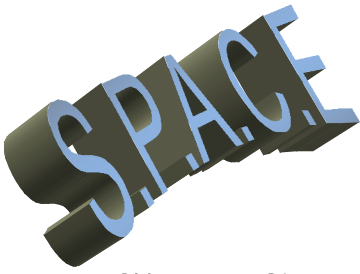


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Fifth Group

- KEY WORDS
- Discerning - God's Call – Justice – Creation Holiness – Diversity
- Accepts that we give of ourselves joyfully, freely trusting in the community's discernment of God's call, rather than pursuing personal goals
- Everyone's voice, gift is honoured – including youth and children
- Discernment – process of encouraging and listening to everyone considering
- Responding to injustice; ensuring justice, practicing justice
- Developing a concern and attention to the sacredness and integrity of creation – becoming “greener” through education and actions
- Honouring, respecting, expressing the reality of the divine presence and power in worship. The source of spiritual power for mission
- Honours diversity – service, gifts



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Sixth Group

- The church more than “Sunday Morning”
- Make church relevant and approachable – so people want to be part of it and contributing
- Make front door more inviting
- Communications
 - Pew/service booklets with clear instructions of what is happening –follow up on new people
 - Advertising using language that attracts the local community and concrete programmes to support the advertising
 - Encouragement of younger groups
 - Capitalize on:
 - Location
 - Solar panels
 - Strengths – music. Use strengths to offer alternative programs – youth music group