



HOLY TRINITY

Episcopal Church

Church-Wide Survey

Mission Statement: To love with the heart of Christ, think with the mind of Christ, and act in the world as the Body of Christ.

To understand how we are living into our mission at Holy Trinity, your vestry, clergy and other leaders participated in a Mutual Ministry Study in April 2023. That study began the task of determining what is working and where God is calling us to change. The MMS Executive Summary was included in the June/July 2023 *Tempo*.

The vestry now seeks your guidance to help us better understand how to shape the future of Holy Trinity. Accordingly, we invite you, both current and recent parishioners, to prayerfully complete this anonymous survey, regardless of your years and level of participation at Holy Trinity. We seek participation from every member of the household.

Please remember that ministry is the work of the whole people of God, not just of the ordained clergy, the professional staff and the appointed or elected leadership. The input from all of you is needed and valued.

If you would like to discuss your responses with a member of the church leadership, please contact Hap Wheeler at wheeler@clemsun.edu who will arrange for a confidential consultation.

Regards,
2023 Survey Committee
Andrew Baker, Kathy Crouse, Mel Harriss and Hap Wheeler, chair

What this survey is and is not:

The survey is:	The survey is not:
A vehicle for evaluating the ways Holy Trinity is expressing its mission statement.	A corporate-style evaluation devoid of concern for our spiritual life.
An aid to discussion of those ministries most valued at Holy Trinity.	A diagnostic tool designed to eliminate programs without careful consideration.
A mechanism for expressing genuine concerns about the parish, its leadership, and activities.	A place to express pet peeves or to push personal agendas.
A way to provide information for planning future parish activities.	A collection of data to create a parish profile.

Part One: Participant Information

Age:

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| _____ 12-18 (middle and high school) | _____ 50-59 |
| _____ 18-24 (college and young adult) | _____ 60-69 |
| _____ 25-29 | _____ 70-79 |
| _____ 30-39 | _____ 80 and over |
| _____ 40-49 | |

What is your membership status at Holy Trinity?

- _____ Member
_____ Prospective Member
_____ Former Member

What is your relationship with Holy Trinity?

- _____ Attending worship services at HT and otherwise active in the life/missions of the church
_____ Attending worship services at HT but not otherwise active in the life/missions of the church
_____ Active in the life/missions of HT, but not regularly attending worship services
_____ Attending worship services at, or otherwise active in, another church
_____ Have remained in the area but have stepped away from church
_____ Have moved out of the area and are active in church
_____ Have moved out of the area and have stepped away from church
_____ Other (please describe)

How long have you been or were you affiliated with Holy Trinity?

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| _____ Less than a year | _____ 11-20 years |
| _____ 1-2 years | _____ 21-30 years |
| _____ 3-5 years | _____ More than 30 years |
| _____ 6-10 years | |

How often do you currently attend services in person at Holy Trinity and/or St. Paul's?

- _____ Never
- _____ Infrequently (a few times a year)
- _____ Somewhat frequently (approximately once a month)
- _____ Frequently (more than once a month)
- _____ Very frequently (almost every week)

How often do you currently attend online services at Holy Trinity (including weeknight Compline services)?

- _____ Never
- _____ Infrequently (a few times a year)
- _____ Somewhat frequently (approximately once a month)
- _____ Frequently (more than once a month)
- _____ Very frequently (almost every week)

How often do you participate in other Holy Trinity programs or special events?

- _____ Never
- _____ Infrequently (a few times a year)
- _____ Somewhat frequently (approximately once a month)
- _____ Frequently (more than once a month)
- _____ Very frequently (almost every week)

How often within the last 1-2 years have you been involved as a volunteer for any Holy Trinity program or committee, or served in an elected position of the church?

- _____ None
- _____ 1-2 times
- _____ 3-5 times
- _____ More than 5 times

Has your experience with Holy Trinity encouraged you to pledge?

- _____ Yes
- _____ No
- _____ Undecided about pledging

If you consider yourself a relative newcomer, what attracted you to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church? What keeps you here? What might attract other newcomers?

If you are a parishioner who is less active than you were in the past, what would induce you to be more active in the future?

If you are active at Holy Trinity, what inspires you to be engaged in the church?

Do you set aside time for regular spiritual practice (prayer, reflection, study, meeting with others)? Please comment on your practices.

Rating Questions

Please rate the following program areas of Holy Trinity from 1 for poor to 4 for excellent. In addition, please rank them from 1 as very important to 4 for not as important. In doing this, we would like you to give your personal perspective while considering what is important for the church to carry out our mission statement. In the comments sections, please indicate ideas for enhancing or changing any of these areas.

It is not necessary to rate, rank or comment in all areas.

Love with the Heart of Christ

Rating: 1: Poor 2: Fair 3: Good 4: Excellent

Rank: 4: Not as important 3: Somewhat important 2: Important 1: Very important

	Rating	Ranking	No Opinion
Weekly liturgies and worship service (style, diversity/flexibility and schedule at both St. Paul's and HT)			
Worship setting (sermons, music, other worship ministries, altar area, etc.)			
Special Worship Offerings (Advent, Epiphany, Holy Week, Children's Service, Healing Service, etc.)			
Online Worship Offerings (Holy Trinity only)			
Fellowship Programs (breakfast, receptions, special events)			

Comments:

Would you be interested in a weekly evening program with a meal? If so, what would you envision as the format?

Think with the Mind of Christ

Rating: 1: Poor 2: Fair 3: Good 4: Excellent

Rank: 4: Not as important 3: Somewhat important 2: Important 1: Very important

	Rating	Rank	No Opinion
Nursery Offerings			
Young Children Ministry (Children's Church and Sunday School)			
Youth Ministry (grades 6-12)			
Canterbury Ministry (College Students)			
Adult Formation (Sunday School, EfM, Book Study, DoK, ECW)			
Episcopal Day School			

Comments:

How important is traditional Sunday School? What thoughts do you have about its timing with the other activities on Sunday morning and about its format?

Are you in favor of the children's service that has the children go to an age-adjusted liturgy of the word during the readings and sermon in the 10:30 service? Alternatively, is it important to you that all children stay in the nave throughout the service? Please comment.

Act in the World as the Body of Christ

Rating: 1: Poor 2: Fair 3: Good 4: Excellent

Rank: 4: Not as important 3: Somewhat important 2: Important 1: Very important

	Rating	Rank	No Opinion
Pastoral care to those within the parish			
Outreach for those in need (locally)			
Outreach for those in need (globally, including Haiti)			
Participation in the broader community (University, other churches and organizations)			
Service to Holy Trinity (committees, leadership positions, worship-related ministries; Sunday School teaching/youth ministry)			
St. Paul's Thrift Shop			
Holy Trinity Bazaar and Artisan Market			
So All May Eat (SAME) Garden			

Comments:

How should we allocate our resources (time, talent and treasure) to outreach programs? To programs at Holy Trinity?

Qualities of Holy Trinity

Please **rate** the following program areas of Holy Trinity from poor to excellent. In the **comment** sections, please indicate ideas for enhancing or changing any of these areas. It is not necessary to rate or comment in all areas.

Rating: 1: Poor 2: Fair 3: Good 4: Excellent

	Rating	No Opinion
Leadership quality: rector, vestry, wardens, ministry staff		
Accessibility, engagement, and efficacy of staff		
Communication quality (Tempo, HT Notes, Sunday bulletin, website, social media)		
Stewardship and effective use of financial and physical plant resources (nave, office area, parish house, including kitchen and basement, gardens, parking lots, pavilion and green space, St. Paul's)		
Encouragement to share time, talent and treasure; inviting atmosphere for current and new parish volunteers		
Hospitality providing a sense of welcome; openness to diversity of one's background and ideas		
Enhancement of personal spiritual development		
Sense of community within the parish		
Openness to change		

Comments:

What do you perceive as the principal visions for Holy Trinity projected by its leadership?
In what ways does this match what you envision for the Church?

Please offer any other comments about the overall operation or direction of Holy Trinity not expressed above. This is the place to emphasize or summarize key points.