

Strategic Planning – What have you told us so far?

<b>Why do you come to Saint David's? – Coffee Hour Activity – 8/27/17</b>		
<b>Why did we come today?</b>	<b>Community</b>	"A need for connection" "Because the congregation is amazing" "To be with my beloved spiritual community"
	<b>Children</b>	"To have a child friendly activity" "For strength to be a loving parent"
	<b>Ritual, Worship, Liturgy</b>	"Because now I come every Sunday" "For the moments of quiet contemplation hearing the message" "For Eucharist" "To be drawn to and nurtured by the Gospel and mass"
	<b>Seeking and Centering</b>	"To remember my place in the world" "I needed healing and forgiveness" "To grow, strengthen, and sustain faith"
	<b>Joy</b>	"It's too sad not to come" "Joy and celebration!"
<b>Why did we come the first time?</b>	<b>Neighborhood</b>	"It was close to my house" "Looking for a church home after moving."
	<b>Matched my values</b>	"It felt like a place to grow and be free" "I was so impressed with the parish's efforts to create an atmosphere of inclusivity" "Interested in St. David's commitment to Justice"
	<b>Seeking, healing, learning</b>	"I came the first time to try and figure out what God was calling me to do in my life" "Looking for a new church family" "We came for community, music, worship, and education" "Interested in a place with more kids and more energy"
	<b>Invited</b>	"I was invited by a friend" "Because my best friends were coming here" "Because my mom and dad went"
<b>Why do we keep coming back?</b>	<b>Music, Preaching, Service</b>	"Music! Especially the final song each Sunday" "Food, singing, scripture, sermons" "Because the Good News is preached and practiced" "Kerlin Richter, People welcoming me and introducing themselves to me, and music!"
	<b>Feels like Home</b>	"This family is the only spiritual home that I feel safe in" "I keep coming because this is my home. I need it and it needs me." "Friends, community, music, sanctuary"
	<b>Connection</b>	"I need the connection. People here love me. It's a part of my life. It's a good fit." "I want to know others and be known - to be a part of the body of Christ alive in PDX"
	<b>Shared Values</b>	"Creative open hearts" "I believe St. David's will help me resist and revolt against oppression" "I am inspired by what's happening here"
	<b>Growth</b>	"I feel like I'm growing as a Christian person in this world" "To grow in faith and develop spiritually, I need to show up (rather than sleep in) to be challenged to think bigger than myself, and to think deeply about faith, to learn." "Because God continues to call me to a life of service, of creativity, and of ministry"
	<b>Joy</b>	"It's so fun!"