

Opening Prayer

Ever-present God, you call us on a journey. We have not reached our destination.

Be among us, we pray. Calm our fears and save us from discouragement and help us stay on course. Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey to this unknown place continues as a journey of trust. Amen.

Agenda

APPROVE MINUTES

MECHANICS

when to include Earl

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- **What are we looking to accomplish?**
- **Questions to Keep in Mind throughout Our Discernment:**
- **What is God calling us to do next?**
- **Are we focused on and faithful to our reason for being?**
- **Are we sustainable in mission and ministry?**
- **Are we connected to and expressive of our ecclesial tradition, ethos, and character?**
- **Are we self-renewing and responsive to challenges and opportunities before us?**
- **Are we sustainable or working toward sustainability in terms of fit between vision of ministry, leadership, culture, size, property, finances, etc.?**

- **How do we accomplish this?**
- **(LET'S DO THIS)**

- Identify our strengths, weaknesses, & barriers
- Learn from experiences in our church's history
- Look to the future & assess new possibilities
- — —-areas to improve
- — —-try new things`

DISCUSSION

QUESTION FOR DISCUSSION CHAPTER 3

CLOSING PRAYER

GO HOME

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- **Ch/3 Key Areas of Questioning**
- Mission Statement
- Demographics of Church & Community
- “Our Town” Status & Needs
- Physical Plant
- People Resources/Finances
- Resources for Possible Shared Ministry

- The checklist defined by the Diocese must be followed to address spiritual & legal matters if closing the church

- **Meeting Schedule**