Holy Faith Episcopal Church
Introduction Meeting for Vicar Addison
December 17, 2012

VESTRY MEMBERS - PRESENT: Olga Chavez, George Cleary, Wayne Griffin, Bonnie Claren*, Janet Clarke*, Juan Gomez, Carmen Mendoza, Aquinda Toppin*.
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SEARCH COMMITTEE – PRESENT: Terri Mullins, Chair, Jeanne Stone, Clarence Abrahams, Gertrude McLeod, Bruce McLeod, (*members of Vestry who also served on the Search Committee.)
GUEST - Arlene Mighty Newsletter Editor

Father. Orlando Addison, Rector of St. James in the Woods Episcopal Church came to visit Holy Faith on Monday, December 17. The purpose of his visit was to introduce himself and to open conversation with our church before taking on the responsibility of becoming our Vicar. Everyone showed up for this event, snacks in hand, smiling faces.

Father Addison opened our meeting with a prayer, then spoke briefly about the reason for his visit, to get acquainted, and then went on to give us a brief history of his life, both professional and personal. He also gave us insight to his good and bad, and because we are all adults, there was no cause for criticism about his "bads".

Then he asked for our self-assessments, and because he had been so open about himself, we responded in kind.

One thing we can never be accused of at Holy Faith is an unwillingness to talk about ourselves. We all did well, naming our roots, our wings, and our loves.

The next phase of the meeting was spent in discussion about the things Fr. Addison felt was important for us to know about him and his ministry, and for him to know about our dreams for Holy Faith. These things include but not limited to sports activities for the youngsters, music programs for all ages, contact with the aged and infirm, and community outreach.

Finally, as the meeting drew to a close, the social gathering began and it was clear to all who attended that we had been sent a wonderful gift this Christmas season.

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn Coffey
Recording Secretary