

**Holy Faith Episcopal Church, Port St. Lucie**

**Special Vestry, Search Committee Meeting**

November 7, 2012

A special meeting of the Vestry was called by the Diocese Bishop to expedite the search process for our parish priest. Bishop Brewer and Canon Bennett asked that the Search committee and Vestry join together to determine the best way to resolve this issue on Tuesday November 7, 2012

All members of the Vestry and the Search committee were present and given opportunities to express their concerns and ideas about the situation. In order to meet the various concerns expressed by the Vestry, Search committee and the Congregation, a suggestion was made by Bishop Brewer and detailed by Canon Bennett. That suggestion was to return Holy Faith to a Mission status, temporarily.

A discussion followed with the points made that this solution could be for as short a period of 12 to 24 months, or longer if needed. The Diocese would send us a Vicar who would be a fulltime presence at our Church, and would be bilingual for English and Spanish languages. The Diocese would also help pay for this Vicar's service, and the Vicar would be ultimately responsible to the Bishop.

Because this issue is of such importance to our congregations and because the entire Vestry was in attendance at this meeting, our Senior Warden, Olga Chavez called a special meeting of the Vestry and a motion was made and seconded, then passed unanimously to approve this suggestion made by Bishop Brewer and Canon Bennett. More details will be available at the regularly scheduled Vestry on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

The Vestry meeting ended and after a brief discussion, the Search committee was released with no further action required. Thanks to Bishop Brewer and Canon Bennett for their attention to the needs of Holy Faith.

Respectfully submitted

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Recording Secretary