

Living Our Values Commission

- Take as a touchstone, the song, “They’ll know we are Christians by our love.” (der. John 13:35)

- Prepare and execute a Parish-wide discussion led by a well-qualified external facilitator to:

- o Identify parishioner-shared Christian values
- o Correlate these values to specific, current societal issues
- o Identify which of these currently have such a consensus that, *as a Parish*, we would be willing to act on them in public in the name of All Saints

§ To the extent that a consensus may not exist regarding the full scope of an issue, consider whether there is a subset of that issue that achieves consensus

- o Note: It is understood that a Parish-consensus list of actionable values may be considerably narrower than many individuals may want, however it is also understood that:

§ The lack of consensus in no way constrains individual parishioners from acting in their personal capacities

§ And, this is a process that will evolve and will always need to incorporate respect across the broader Parish community

- Survey Members and Friends to identify organizations in which they are involved.

- Anticipate potential events that could arise regarding the consensus issues identified by the Parish and *develop* a menu of potential responses that could be employed by the Parish to address the consensus issues in a high-profile, constructive way.

- o Take into account the nature of the current “24-hour news cycle” where responses occurring later than 24 hours are often without effect
- o Develop criteria to assess whether information that might precipitate a parish response is sufficiently reliable to act upon it
- o Coordinate with the Connections Commission in doing this to consider technological tools that may be available

- *Prepare* the mechanisms that may be required to give effect to the range of foreseen Parish responses
- Coordinate with potential partners that may be interested in joining the Parish in responding to specific Parish-consensus events/issues and obtain contact information that would permit effective coordination in a short time-frame
- Execute Parish responses to events in the community as circumstances warrant.
- Consider and recommend to the Vestry other ways the Parish might act as a high-profile leader to improve peoples' lives in our area.