

An Update from the Parish Profile Committee

November 16, 2023

The Parish Profile Committee wishes to express their thanks for your sincere and spirited participation in the Listening Circles. We are grateful for the time and thoughtfulness shared by nearly 140 listeners. Many participants expressed enthusiasm for this process, indicating how meaningful it has been to reflect in this way together. The thoughtful, honest opinions and feelings shared provide rich material for discerning and describing our hopes and aspirations for St. Martin's and the qualities we seek in a new Rector.

What happens now? The Committee is now working on reviewing and synthesizing all that we have heard. We will then share a summary with the Vestry, and undertake the work of writing the Parish Profile. (In fact, some sections are already being drafted by parishioners who have been tapped by the Committee for their subject knowledge). At the same time, the Vestry will begin to form the Search Committee. While the hustle and joy of the holidays will soon descend upon us, we hope to complete the Profile as early as possible in the first quarter of 2024. The completed Profile will be available to all.

Once the Profile is finished, it will be shared with the Vestry and then the Bishop for approval. The Profile will then be shared, along with a portfolio compiled by the Vestry, with the diocesan Office of Transition Ministry. The Rector position will be posted and the Bishop's office will begin to receive applications.