

**St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church
Silverdale, WA 98383**

**BC Monthly Reports
January 2021**

VICAR'S REPORT – Bill Fulton

January 14, 2021

Reopening Plan

Considering that Covid-19 cases in Kitsap County are at an all-time high, I don't think this is a good time to start up again with in-person services. When the vaccine is rolled out and the number of cases go down, then we can think about starting our services again in person.

Special Rules of Order for and Electronic Meeting

I sent these to you earlier. Please look them over before our meeting. I'm uncertain about IV.5, which says we'll have no motions. Let's discuss this.

Guidelines for Virtual Annual Meetings

At our BC meeting, let's discuss how we're going to run our annual meeting on January 30. At our Zoom coffee hour last Sunday, we practiced some of the function of a meeting. Here are some things I think we need to do.

- Adopt the Special Rules at our BC meeting
- Publicize the Zoom Annual Meeting in the Happenings and on Sunday, January 17 and 24
- Send out guidelines for the meeting to the parish beforehand
- Let people know the meeting will be recorded and they can turn off their camera if they wish not to be recorded
- At the beginning of the annual meeting, take time to teach people:
 - How to use the chat function
 - How to use polling (for votes)
 - How to raise a hand to be recognized to speak
 - How to make a nomination through chat
 - How to make a motion through chat
- Have a BC member who will monitor the chat and let me know when something comes up
- Use unanimous consent for routine motions ("If there are no objections, the motion passes.")

Nominations

David, Blaine, Olivia, and Carolyn are going off the BC after the Annual Meeting on January 30, so we need three people to replace them. In addition, we need to fill two vacant seats on the BC. So we need a total of five people if possible, three 3- year terms and two 2-year terms. So far Dolores Perriera, Julie Sherwin, and Loretta McGinley have agreed to run for BC. We also need two delegates for diocesan convention and two alternate delegates.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

I received an email from Steve Fabry about land acknowledgments that I have attached to this report. His concern is that we not go overboard on this. I answered his email saying that I would forward it to BC members with his permission, which he gave. It's good to get feedback.

My thoughts: there is a difference between an "apology" and an "acknowledgment." I don't think an acknowledgment is an apology, and I don't think we're saying that we support reparations. It's simply an acknowledgment of historical facts. Maybe this needs to be made clear.

Also, I don't think we want to say the land acknowledgment out loud before the Eucharist. A short statement in the bulletin would be sufficient.

I like Steve's suggestion about providing an educational event around Columbus Day each year.

Online Training for Wardens and Bishop's Committee members February 13

Bishop Rickel and his staff are preparing an online training that I think will be helpful to all members of the Bishop's Committee. I hope you'll consider attending, especially if you're new to the BC.

BC Retreat (Online)

I think it would be helpful to have a shortened BC Retreat on Zoom so we can do some team building and planning for 2021. Perhaps Saturday, February 20, would be a good day.

Social media efforts

During Advent I sent an email to the parish each day with a drawing or painting that reflects the scriptures for Sunday, and I put them on my Facebook page. I also emailed Godly Play videos for Advent to the parish. During Christmas season I emailed a photo of one or more creches each day together with a story from the parishioners who contributed them. I got lots of positive feedback on these efforts.

Suicide Prevention Webinar

Deacon Bill and I both took an online suicide response webinar. It was very well done, giving various video scenarios of people contemplating suicide and how to respond effectively.

Preaching Workshop

This week I'm participating in an online preaching workshop put on by the Episcopal Preaching Foundation with other clergy from across the country. The funding for this workshop was approved by the BC in 2019 when the workshop was supposed to be held in 2020. Because of Covid, it was postponed to this week and moved online.

Stained Glass window inserts

No action taken.

Community Garden

No action last month.

Christmas Eve service

I thought our Christmas Eve service went very well. My thanks to Fr. Craig for his inspiration in creating the candlelight atmosphere.

Livestream statistics. *

I've attached the livestream statistics in a chart at the bottom of this report.

Vacation

My letter of agreement states that I will receive four weeks of vacation leave every year. Because of Covid-19 and the need to be present for livestream services, I took only 18 days in 2020. I'd like to request that the BC approve adding the 10 unused days to my vacation time available for 2021.

*The Livestream statistics chart was not able to be copied and pasted here.

PEOPLE'S WARDEN AND PASTORAL CARE – Penny Whitney

No report.

BISHOP'S WARDEN – David Wilkinson

No report.

Carolyn Sorrell

No Report.

FINANCE – Jim Foley

No report.

NEW FACILITIES – John Stockwell

No report.

OUTREACH – Blaine Morgan

No report.

ENVIRONMENT – David Peterson

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS – Chelsea Reeder

No report.

WELCOMING – Peter Stockwell

No report.

FAITH FORMATION – Bill Thaete

No report.