

# IMAGINE OUR CHURCH

*Imagine a church where every person is welcomed and valued as a child of God...*

*Imagine a church where God's love shines in community and lives are nurtured and transformed in Christ...*

*Imagine a church where people reach out to those who are hungry, sick, poor, down trodden, in prison, or victims of crime, as an expression of Christ's love, incarnate in the people of God...*

*Imagine a church where people are inspired, encouraged, and empowered to do what they love to do as a manifestation of the image of God that God created them to be...*

*Come, let us remember who we are, and whose we are, and imagine what we can become as the People of God at St. Luke's...*



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## Appreciative Interview Guide For St. Luke's

### The Great Commandment Questions

**Instructions:** In pairs interview take time to interview one another using the following questions.

**Be a generous listener.** Take turns to actually conduct an interview, rather than just discussing the question. Feel free to ask additional follow-up questions to deepen the story. Use this sheet to record the results of your interview. When your interviews are completed you will present the results to the wider group.

1. **Best Experience of Loving God:** Reflect on your entire experience of St. Luke's parish. Recall a time when you felt most aware and spiritually touched by God's presence and love at St. Luke's. Tell me about this memorable experience that you have had of loving and being loved by God at St. Luke's. Describe the event in detail. What made it an exciting experience? Who was involved? Describe how you felt? Describe what you did as a result of the experience?
  
  2. **Best Experience of Loving Your Neighbor:** Reflect on your entire experience of St. Luke's parish. Recall a time when you or people from St. Luke's reached out and cared for people in the wider community that left you feeling proud of being a member of St. Luke's. Tell me about this memorable experience that you have had of the people of St. Luke's loving their neighbor. Describe the event in detail and how it left you feeling proud and inspired.
  
  3. **Best Experience of Loving Yourself: What do you love to do?** Tell me a story about a memorable time when you were able to engage in something that you really love to do and which left you with a feeling of deep satisfaction. What made it memorable? What was the outcome of the experience? What did you do as a result of the experience?
  
  4. **Values:** What are the things you value deeply.
    - (i) **Your church:** What is it about your church that you value? What is the single most important thing that your church has contributed to your life?
  
    - (ii) **Your denomination:** What is it about belonging to the Episcopal church that you value? What is the single most important thing that your denomination has contributed to your life?
  
  5. **Core Value:** What do you think is the core value of your church? What values give life to your congregation. What is it that, if it did not exist, would make your church totally different than it currently is?
  
  6. **Three Wishes:** If God gave you three wishes for your church, what would they be?
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