

Priority Taskforce Recommendations Summary

2019

St. Simons Presbyterian Church

Stewardship

TASKFORCE: Jeff Shiver (chair), Brenda Jones, Michael Johnson, Coco Bujold, Sean Hidalgo and Fred Griffith

1. Form an Annual Stewardship Ministry Team
Forming an annual Stewardship Ministry Team will enable better organization and more strategic thinking about church-wide stewardship. This team will study trends and lead an annual stewardship campaign each year.
2. Publish a Narrative Budget
Creating a narrative budget will enhance the stewardship ministry team's ability to tell the story of how our individual generosity directly impacts and changes lives both within the walls of the church and in the community around us.
3. Change Church Budgeting Process
Requesting an "asking budget" from each council/ministry team will... . This budget is then used for the formation of the annual stewardship campaign. A final budget is then submitted for session approval in November/December based on the response to the annual campaign.
4. Create Taskforce to Study Endowment and Barnabas Society
Strengthening legacy giving will help to support the long-term ministry of SSPC. A taskforce should be formed in the next 12-18 months to both examine the current structure of the endowment and to make recommendations for enhancing legacy giving to St. Simons Presbyterian.

Governance/Nominations

TASKFORCE: Rich Goeldner (Chair), Leslie McCracken, Barbara Dieterman, Bethany Leggett, Rev. Alan Dyer, Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

1. Implement New Council/Ministry Team Organization
Updating the current ministry team organization will serve to increase lay leadership across all ministry areas of the church as well as lift up Session's role as the spiritual and strategic leaders of the congregation.
2. Shift Officer Terms to run from July to June
Shifting officer terms to run from July to June will allow more time to nominate and train new officers as well ensure continuity of leadership by avoiding leadership transitions in the middle of the program year (i.e., December/January).

3. Overhaul Officer Nomination and Training Process

Spreading the nominations process out over the course of an entire year rather than just a few months will allow for more thoughtful, prayerful, and strategic process for discerning and nominating church officers. Additionally, by electing officers in January and not beginning their terms until July, new officers will have more time for training.

Welcoming

TASKFORCE: Molly Macaulay (chair), Sandi Goeldner, Ada Owens, Mike Kellar, Nardis Kellar and Tate Simpson

1. Reorganize Sunday Ushering Ministry

Reorganizing the ushering ministry into five rotating teams along with adopting a focused training for all ushers will help to enhance our overall welcoming ministry as a church. Deacons will continue to lead this ministry and will seek to recruit a diverse group of people who have a "heart for hospitality" to serve on usher teams.

2. Create Sunday Welcome Center

Launching a mobile Sunday "Connection/Welcome Center" will help to create a central point of welcome and communication for both visitors and members to connect with the ministry of the church. The connection center will be staffed by a church member before and after every Sunday worship service.

3. Update Church Branding and Signage

Refreshing the church brand to reflect the current mission and vision of SSPC. This may include updating the church logo, signage, etc.