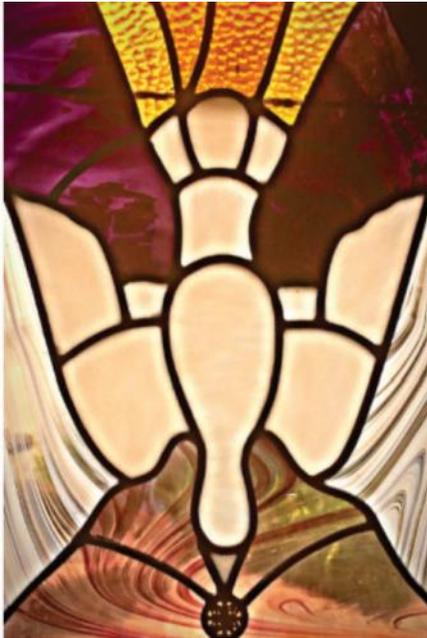


Visioning Team develops Trinity's Goals for 2018



Our mission goals for 2018 build on the fabulous work of our visioning team, on our incredibly giving vestry, on our talented ministry heads, on all of you who are a part of Trinity, Midtown in Houston.

We are an incredibly vibrant, influential parish, not necessarily because of our size or numbers but because of our vision, because of our ability and our willingness to take risks in love, our willingness to walk the walk not just talk the talk. We have six goals based on Eric Law's *Cycle of Blessings for Sustainable Missional Communities*. The six goals are broad goals, rooted in holy scripture. They are not goals that we have never thought of before, they are lifetime goals for churches and faithful people, but they will have specific expressions in 2018.

Goal 1: Feed the Hungry (Matthew 25)

Accomplishment of this goal involves nourishing those in need with food and prayer. We do this every Sunday when we serve a hot, seated breakfast to up to 250 homeless people. We do this in conjunction with Lord of the Streets (LOTS) Episcopal Church, and on Sunday morning LOTS is our guest: we do not charge LOTS for the use of the church, the parish hall and kitchen or for the breakfast, as this represents our contribution and

our commitment to this vital Midtown ministry that we share with LOTS. We also support this outreach through our daily Evening Prayer service that includes distributing a sack lunch to the homeless attendees of that service. In addition, we plan to implement our commitment to marginalized youth through Tony's Place, Revision, and other outreach opportunities in order to serve as God's instruments to serve our neighbors' needs.

Goal 2: Generate Hope (Romans 5)

Accomplishment of this goal involves being an inclusive, courageous, and kind community, and must be an on-going, not once and done, process. We will do this by growing into our identity as an inclusive, welcoming, faithful community, as we work on following Christ away from all the "isms," through education and practice. We will stand with the downtrodden, the oppressed, and those in fear and harm's way. We will support one another in joy, sorrow, triumph and adversity, including illness, hardship, and disaster.

Goal 3: Love one another (John 13)

Accomplishment of this goal involves calling forth gifts and resources, and we will do this by supporting and upholding our current parishioners, ministries and ministry heads for





healthy and sustainable work together, increasing as we can along the way our administrative and facilities staffing. We also express this through our offerings of beautiful music and meaningful liturgy, not only on Sunday mornings but from time to time through special offerings such as Compline, Choral Evensong, or special concerts. We will also continue to care for each other as a community, and increase these opportunities through neighborhood groups and explicit connections, both in person and through social media. We will rejoice in gathering together and online, for example by expanding connections via live stream. We will develop a grief and caregiver wellness circle, and continue with the Wellness Open Houses. In everything we will work to strengthen prayer and community practices and opportunities, and in all of this we will use Eric Law's Holy Currencies Model as our guide for sustainable, healthy community.

Goal 4: Hold things in common (Acts 4:32)

Accomplishment of this goal involves strengthening our spirituality of giving, and to this end we will identify new and creative ways to generate joyful stewardship to care for the buildings that support our worship, outreach, and parish. We will work to identify neighborhood needs, and then select those that we are best placed to fulfill. In all of this, we will follow expert advice for resource generation from our buildings, for example through office use by non-profit organizations.

Goal 5: To build (Ecclesiastes 3)

Accomplishment of this goal involves developing, implementing, and celebrating. We will launch our Cornerstone Campaign by October 31, 2018, which is the 100th anniversary of when Bishop Quin, then rector of Trinity, laid the cornerstone for our current church building. We will begin the renovation and preservation of the historic Bering House through the campaign in partnership with mission-compatible neighbors and collaborators. We will also gather resources and community-building for our Gonzo 24/7 mural which will face Francis Street and solidify our position as an artistic venue of Houston.

Goal 6: Be servants of all (Mark 10)

Accomplishment of this goal involves developing an inventory of the gifts that our parish and parishioners have to offer. We will make connection a priority in every way so the we can extend gracious invitations that build up our community. This will be manifest as we foster listening and collaboration with Houston Community College, and raise up leadership for a missional community such as a neighborhood chaplain to the new apartment buildings, offering recovery masses at Recenter, as well as offering veterans' services. As these needs are identified, we will apply for diocesan Strategic Mission Grant funds to support our work.

