WHAT IS A PARISH IN A NEW MISSIONAL AGE?

IT IS A COMMUNITY ...

OF THEOLOGICAL IMAGINATION
...where our hearts and minds are moved by God’s presence in our lives, in our neighborhoods, and in the world;

FED BY WORD & SACRAMENT
...where our stories connect with God’s story in Holy Scripture, and where we experience God’s grace in baptism and Eucharist;

FORMING DISCIPLES AND APOSTLES IN GOD’S MISSION
...where people grow as followers of Jesus and are sent by the Holy Spirit into the world to join God’s work of restoration and reconciliation;

AND CONNECTED TO THE WIDER BODY OF CHRIST
...by sharing our lives with companions in Christ across the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and the wider Church.
SPIRITUAL PRACTICES IN A NEW MISSIONAL AGE

LISTENING
We listen to God by dwelling in God’s Word, and in stories of God in our lives and in our neighborhoods.

DISCERNING
As we hear from God and one another, we ponder how God might be calling us to take action in the world.

TRYING ON
We experiment with new ways of joining in God’s mission, trusting that God uses our failures as well as our successes.

REFLECTING
We wonder about what God is up to in our lives and in the world.

DECIDING
We adopt new ways of being the Body of Christ as we listen, discern, try on, and reflect.

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