

# 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.



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# 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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