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PARISH SURVEY

INTRODUCTION

As Grace in the Desert celebrates 20 years of serving Summerlin area and surrounding communities . Your Vestry believes that it is important that we not only honor our history but also plan for the Church's future in the twenty-first century. We would like to develop a Parish Profile, which would look at our past and at our present, one that identifies our hopes for the future and provides the basis of our planning for the next five to ten years. The first step is receiving input from as many parishioners as possible through the completion of the attached Parish Survey.

ABOUT THE PARISH SURVEY

This survey is designed to help parishioners express their feelings and attitudes so as to inform and guide the Vestry's work. As your name need not be associated with this survey, it can be an anonymous response (signature optional). However, if you are willing to expand on your comments and suggestions, that would be helpful for clarification. **YOUR RESPONSES WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL.** We want an accurate picture; therefore, we ask that you be direct and honest with us. Please feel free to add your comments wherever you feel that the choices that we have provided do not adequately represent your best answer for a particular question. We will tabulate all of the coded responses and read every form for added comments. To accurately assess the entire parish, we are asking every person 12 years of age or older to submit a completed survey, so that we may arrive at a truly representative Parish Profile. We ask that you complete as many of the questions as possible with answers appropriate to your individual experiences. Thank you for sharing your feelings and attitudes about Grace in the Desert.

**PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED PARISH SURVEY TO LINDA MEADOWS OR
SUSAN COOPER NO LATER THAN**

August 31, 2010.

THE PARISH SURVEY

The Parish Survey seeks to gather information and your perceptions about the following as they relate to Grace in the Desert:

- Part One: Membership Information
- Part Two: Parish Program
- Part Three: Direction of the Parish
- Part Four: Rector Qualities
- Part Five: Personal Opinion of the Parish

The Vestry requests that each member of the Parish who is 12 years of age or older complete a survey. Your input is essential. The survey may be completed anonymously. We ask that it be returned as soon as possible, *but no later than August 31, 2010.*

If you need assistance or want to discuss any of the questions in the survey, please feel free to contact any member of the Vestry:

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|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Wayne Adams, <i>Sr. Warden</i> | Ken Droog | Woody Woodward |
| Steve Winters, <i>Jr. Warden</i> | Greg McDermott | Dion Woodward, Youth Rep |
| Susan Cooper | Rick O'Brien | |
| George DeRoth | Duane Schafer | |

PART ONE: Membership Information (check the appropriate box)

1. Parishioner's Age:

<input type="checkbox"/> 12-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 25-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 45-54	<input type="checkbox"/> 65-74
<input type="checkbox"/> 19-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 35-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 55-64	<input type="checkbox"/> 75+
2. Gender: Male Female
3. Marital Status:

<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced	<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Parent
<input type="checkbox"/> Married	<input type="checkbox"/> Separated	<input type="checkbox"/> Committed Relationship	
4. Highest Level of Education:

<input type="checkbox"/> Some High School Education	<input type="checkbox"/> High School Graduate
<input type="checkbox"/> Some Post-High School Education	<input type="checkbox"/> College Degree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Degree

18. Compared to a year ago – have your overall feelings for Grace in the Desert;

- Improved significantly
- Improved Slightly
- Not Changed
- Declined Slightly

Comments: (turn paper over, write the number of the question you are commenting on and continue)

19. Thinking of the overall Grace in the Desert experience, how satisfied are you with that experience?

- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neutral
- Not Satisfied
- Very Unsatisfied

Comments: (turn paper over, write the number of the question you are commenting on and continue)

PART TWO: Parish Program

1. A. How would you rate the importance of these programs and activities at Grace in the Desert?

1= Not at all Important 2= Not a Priority 3= Neutral 4= Somewhat Important 5=Very Important

Also please check those activities in which that you participate.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Acolyte | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpersonal Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Programs/Outings | <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Eucharist Ministers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Study/Discussion | <input type="checkbox"/> Lector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advent Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advent/Lenten Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Movie Night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chalice Bearer | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Hour | <input type="checkbox"/> Retreats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dinners | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Bulletin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Episcopal Church Woman (ECW) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Promise | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Worship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foyer Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Vestry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting Shut-ins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graceful Walkers | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters | <input type="checkbox"/> Wine Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healing Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Week Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Programs/Outings |

B. What new programs would you like added at Grace in the Desert? List two that are most important to you and two that are of interest but less important and tell us why.

Comments: (turn paper over, write the number of the question you are commenting on and continue)

C. Have you been involved in the work of the Episcopal Church beyond Grace?

Yes No

If yes, at which of the following levels have you participated?

Deanery Level Diocesan Level National Level

In what capacity?

(turn paper over, write the number of the question you are commenting on and continue)

2. What type of activities would you like to see more of at Grace in the Desert?

3. Are you, or have you been a member of Grace in the Desert Vestry? Yes No

4. For each statement below, please write the appropriate number to indicate your opinion regarding the statement.

1=Strongly disagree 2=Disagree 3=Neutral 4= Agree 5=Strongly Agree

A. _____ I feel good about how we welcome new people at Grace in the Desert.

B. _____ I am comfortable bringing new people to Church activities.

C. _____ There is too much pressure put on me to attend activities/programs at Grace

D. _____ There are enough fellowship opportunities for all ages.

E. _____ Grace in the Desert has enough intergenerational fellowship activities.

F. _____ There is a tradition of closeness and support by members of the congregation which enables them to be sensitive to the needs of others.

G. _____ I am receptive to a layperson visiting the sick.

H. _____ I am receptive to a layperson performing hospital visits.

I. _____ I am receptive to a layperson performing other duties including chalice bearing, etc.

- J. _____ Grace in the Desert meets my spiritual needs.
- K. _____ Grace in the Deserts meets the spiritual needs of our children. (*Parents only*)
- L. _____ I am satisfied with the worship services.
- M. _____ I feel well-informed about Parish activities.
- N. _____ I feel well-informed about Diocesan programs and theological direction.
- O. _____ I feel well-informed about the work of the Episcopal Church in the USA.
- P. _____ I am aware of Grace's outreach mission and feel comfortable participating in it.

Comments: (turn paper over, write the number of the question you are commenting on and continue)

5. Please rate the importance to you of each of the following elements of worship:

1= Not at all Important 2= Not a Priority 3= Neutral 4= Somewhat Important 5=Very Important

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| _____ Sacraments | _____ Presentation of the Eucharistic Elements |
| _____ Liturgy | _____ Lay Participation (Acolytes, Lectors, Chalice Bearers etc.) |
| _____ Music | _____ Choir |
| _____ Sermons | _____ Church Announcements |
| _____ Exchange of Peace | |
| _____ Prayers of the People | |

6. What services, if any, from The Book of Common Prayer would you like to see added to our schedule (i.e., Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, etc.)?

7. What do you like best about worship at Grace in the Desert?

8. What do you like least about worship at Grace in the Desert?

Suggestions? (turn paper over, write the number of the question you are commenting on and continue)

9. Regarding the Christian Education Program:

A. If you are in the **12 to 18 age group**, please check in which of the following activities you would like to participate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acolyte | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Discussion Groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Lectors/Lay Readers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musical (Instrument) Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Other write below: |

All ages should answer Parts B & C.

B. Would you prefer Sunday School classes to be held (check one):

- During 10:30 am Service After 10:30 am Service (as we do presently)
 Before 10:30 am Service No Opinion

C. Does the Sunday School Program meet your needs?

- Yes No No Opinion

Comments:

D. Does the Adult Education Program meet your needs?

- Yes No No Opinion

E. What kinds of things would you like to have offered.

PART THREE: Direction of The Parish

1. The leadership and programs in Grace in the desert reflect my views:

- Very Well Fairly Well Not Very Well
 Not At All Unsure

2. I believe Grace in the Desert is:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Very Open to Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Resistant to Change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Open to Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairly Resistant to Change | |

3. All things considered, my attitude concerning Grace in the Desert future is:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Very Optimistic | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Pessimistic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairly Optimistic | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat Pessimistic | |

4. I believe that Grace in the Desert fulfills its responsibility to the larger community (beyond the church doors):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Very Well | <input type="checkbox"/> Not At All |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairly Well | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Very Well | |

5. In which of the following areas is growth important?

1= Not at all Important 2= Not a Priority 3= Neutral 4= Somewhat Important 5=Very Important

- ___ Improvement in physical facilities
- ___ Preaching that inspires and strengthens
- ___ Growth in Stewardship Program (pledging)
- ___ The Music program
- ___ Educational programs for children
- ___ Educational programs for adults
- ___ Educational programs for teens
- ___ Involvement in social issues
- ___ Spiritual development (understanding and commitment)
- ___ Working closely with other churches (locally, nationally)
- ___ Ministry of lay persons
- ___ Home Communion
- ___ New or expanded programs within the Parish.

Please add comments or identify programs that you would like to see added or expanded

PART FOUR: Rector Qualities (for future reference)

1. In terms of worship and church programs do you prefer a rector who is:

- Traditional or more innovative?

If more innovative, in what way?

If more traditional, in what way?

2. Is the amount of experience a rector has of importance to you? Yes No

A. How many years service as a priest do you prefer? ____

B. How many years service as a rector do you prefer? ____

3. Please **circle the 5** most important personal attributes/characteristics you would like a rector to possess.

Articulate	Persuasive	Imaginative
Energetic	Compassionate	Discreet
Mature	Humble	Leader
Charismatic	Responsive	Teacher
Good Listener	Delegator	Efficient
Perceptive	Honorable	Learned
Communicative	Disciplined	Talented
Spiritual	Sense of Humor	Understanding

4. Using the following list of 19 major tasks of clergy . . .

Check the 4, which you feel, are needed the most for the building up of and maintaining the life of this congregation.

Remember that you are not describing our present Rector, although some of your choices may reflect the leadership qualities of our present Rector.

- YOUTH WORKER/LEADER. Ability to inspire youth and incorporate them into the full life and ministry of the Church.
- TEACHER. Ability to help persons of all ages to understand and live the Christian Faith.
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADER. Ability to lead in the design and implementation of comprehensive programs of Christian Education.
- VISITOR-HOMES. Ability in visiting church members in their homes.
- PASTOR. Ability to care for people so that they are nurtured and challenged for growth within the community of faith.
- CRISIS MINISTER. Ability to respond to people at significant points in their lives (e.g., death, dying, sickness, birth, trauma, success)
- COUNSELOR. Ability to counsel persons facing problems or decisions.

- ADMINISTRATIVE LEADER. Ability to manage the affairs of the congregation, diocese, or other institutions, including programs, organizations, finances, etc.
- EVANGELISM LEADER. Ability to relate the Christian Faith in such a way that others are enabled to share their faith and, thereby, lead still others to Jesus within the fellowship of The Church.
- ECUMENICAL LEADER. Ability to administer or work with programs sponsored interdenominationally or jointly by a number of churches.
- SOCIAL MINISTRY LEADER. Ability to enable persons within the congregation to become aware of and participate in issues.
- OUTREACH LEADER. Ability to enable the congregation to become aware of and respond to persons in need.
- COMMUNITY LEADER. Ability through personal involvement to organize community groups to meet stated needs such as drug problems, fair housing, and school issues.
- STEWARDSHIP LEADER. Ability to lead in the development and use of individual and congregational resources (stewardship in the broadest sense, not just money).
- THEOLOGIAN. One who demonstrates a disciplined understanding of Biblical and historical revelation and the perception of God's activity in the world.
- PREACHER. Ability to preach with clarity and to make the Gospel relevant in people's lives.
- LITURGICAL LEADER. Ability to plan and conduct liturgical services of public worship.
- SPIRITUAL GUIDE/LEADER. Ability to train and lead others in the development of their spiritual life.
- MUSICAL LEADER. Ability to lead and develop the musical aspect of our worship.

Do you have a message to send along to our present Rector

PART FIVE: Personal Opinion of the Parish

1. In your own words, what do you like most about Grace in the Desert?

2. If you could change one thing at Grace in the Desert what would it be and how would you suggest changing it?

3. How do you feel about having Deacons (in addition to a Priest?)

4. How do you feel Grace in the Desert should use its financial resources?

5. Please feel free to express any opinion, relative to Grace in the Desert, which you feel is important and has not been covered in this survey. *Please use additional paper if you need more space.*

If you are willing to talk to your Vestry about your responses, please print your name below.

PRINT YOUR NAME

The Vestry would like to offer its thanks and gratitude for your help and time in completing this Parish Survey.