

Transition Word for the Week – May 2nd

TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY Word For the Week

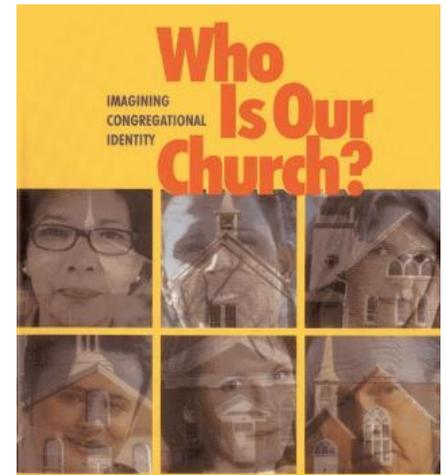
Don't forget to join the Transition Zoom Friday drop-in on May 7th! We will be talking about being community and communication. See the announcement in this newsletter for information about the Zoom link to join.



Our Transition Word for the Week is about our fourth transition goal.

Goal 4 – to articulate the core identity of the congregation and its purpose and mission as a faith community of faith

- To enable the community of faith to articulate **its identity and mission**;
- The goal then named some specific ways to engage the congregation in that work including the break-out group time on the Annual meeting agenda on April 27th; the upcoming Zoom Drop-In Conversations Fridays in May over the noon hour and the hope of a time when it might be possible to have small groups of people meet together.



This goal is about the core work of transition. The ability to name who we are and how we understand the things that define the St.

Andrew's community of faith are fundamental building blocks for shaping a path forward. Identity and mission are the fingerprint of a congregation, unique and distinctive to each community of faith. A shared and clear sense of community brings people together. One way to think about identity is to imagine that the congregation is one person, how would you describe that person? When you know who you are as a congregation, you can articulate that in compelling and succinct ways to each other and others. This is the way people can come to know you, find you, and join in the worship, mission, and ministry your congregation is offering.

Mission speaks of a congregation's purpose. What is God calling St. Andrew's to do? Given who we are, and where we are, and what we want to become, what should we do?



Mission names the activities that are important within the community of faith but mission also names the activities that take the community of faith beyond its own doors to the community and the world.