

## **Highlights of Mutual Ministry Review Grace Episcopal Church – Southgate, MI December 2010**

The following are the highlights from the recently completed Mutual Ministry Review. For ease of reporting the actual comments per each question will be published via the church's website (<http://www.gracesouthgate.org/>) and in paper format available at Grace. Note that not all questions were answered on some of the surveys.

1. **What brought you to Grace Episcopal Church?** Ranked in the following way people found their way to Grace via their parents, while actively seeking a new church, through their spouse, and because of the inclusivity Grace offers. Singular answers were friend, Internet, newspaper ad.
2. **What do you think about the study groups?** On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being the highest) people rated the study groups as 8.05. There were 10 positive responses for the 9 am Sunday group and 4 for the Lenten series.
3. **Are social events important to the life of the parish?** Grace is a social parish. In order of responses the Taco Dinner is number one, Family Fun / Game Nights are second, and Chinese Auction is third.
4. **How do you feel about the leadership of the parish?** As to leadership there were 19 positive responses and one suggesting more communications were needed from the Vestry. Comments were "very positive," "all nice and caring," and "strong".
5. **What have we done at Grace to help our youth and enhance their religious formation?** As to the question of "Youth Enhancement" there were 15 responses indicating that incorporating a youth service was number one with programs and education as number two. This is clearly an area of positive sentiment and opportunity for continued growth.
6. **We are actively involved in many ministries at Grace, is this an adequate amount, too much, or not enough?** As to the amount of activities Grace is involved with there were fourteen (14) adequate responses with two (2) rating it as not enough.
7. **Are you familiar with the Community groups?** All respondents were aware of the community groups using Grace's facilities.
8. **What does Grace do well?** In answering what does Grace do well all matters related to food, welcoming of strangers, and acceptance of all people rated equal. Showing love to all people ranking a close second with friendly, pastoral, and reaching out third.
9. **What is your dream for Grace?** In dreams for Grace there were seven respondents for continued growth of the parish, four that indicating fixing up the kitchen, and two for happier music. Accompanying this question was "Big Dreams" for utilizing the monies gifted from the Steube estates. The list is endless! This will give the group forming of the 9<sup>th</sup> of January an idea of where people are at with their hopes and dreams.

10. **Would you support changing the service times during the program year?**  
Changing of service times was fifteen (15) respondents okay with moving the 10 am service starting time to 10:30, three for moving either service, 3 for not moving the 10 am service, and 4 for moving the 8 am service.
11. **What one question would you like to ask about Grace or the Episcopal Church in general and have it answered?** The comments section indicated growth areas and questions in the areas of study, music, intra- denominational relationship, sanctuary as a quiet zone, and others.
12. **For demographic purposes are you Male or Female and under 50 or over 50?** The demographics of the respondents parallel the parish; there were fifteen female respondents over the age of 50, no females under 50, four males over fifty, and two males under 50.