



## Profile Committee Focus Groups October-November 2020

*Trust in God with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge God, and God will make straight your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

As a congregation, we have been in focus groups (the Zoom meetings back in June) and we have filled out the Congregation Assessment Tool survey (the online survey we took in August) to discuss and define our views of our Church community and where we would like to see Trinity Church in the future. Now we need your help to paint the picture of who we, Trinity Church-Milford, are and what gifts and ministries define us. The Profile will be designed to describe us for clergy who are seeking a new congregation.

In order to include and show our diverse voices, the Profile Committee will host a series of conversations to focus on key questions about our life together. These questions are suggested by the Office of Transition Ministry for discernment by candidates and by the parish. They are listed in the order we will discuss them:

1. As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being?
2. How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?
3. Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry that you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.
4. What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?
5. What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?
6. What is your experience leading or addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? What did you learn?
7. How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?
8. Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider church or geographical community
9. Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship in your community.
10. How are you preparing yourself for the Church of the future?
11. Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past 5 years.

We have scheduled the following parish discussions. We also welcome your written responses to any of these questions. Please bring or mail to Trinity church, or email to [profile@trinitychurchmilford.org](mailto:profile@trinitychurchmilford.org)

- Monday October 12th 7:30- 8:30 pm– Vestry
- Tuesday October 20th – 7:30-8:30 pm the choir, altar guild, and liturgical ministers
- Sunday October 25th 9:30-10:30 am – general
- Wednesday October 28th – 10:30-11:30 am - general
- Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> - 7 pm – Youth