

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dade City
Parish Survey

Please have each person 16 years and older in the household complete a copy of this questionnaire.

A. Family Information: *(Answer only once per household)*

Number of family members in each age range:

0-11 years _____ 12-17 years _____ 18 & over _____

B. Individual Information: *(Answer for yourself)*

1. Age: 16-21 _____ 22-35 _____ 36-59 _____ 60-up _____

2. Relational status: *(Place "X" in as many as apply)*

Married: _____ Separated/divorced/widow(er): _____ Single: _____

3. Highest educational level achieved to date:

Grade School: __ High School: __ College/University: __ Graduate Degree(s): __

4. Occupational Status: *(Check as many as apply)*

Employed: __ Student: __ Homemaker: __ Retired: __ Other: __

C. You and Your Church:

1. How many years have you been coming to St. Mary's Church? *(Place "X" in appropriate box)*

Less than 1 _____ 1-5 _____ 6-10 _____ Over 10 _____

2. How frequently do you attend services?

Nearly every Sunday: __ Once a month: __ Twice a month: __ Occasionally: __

3. What service do you typically attend?

7:45 a.m. _____ 10:00 a.m. _____

4. What first brought you to St. Mary's Church? *(Check up to 3)*

Nearest Episcopal Church to my home _____

Nearest Church to my home _____

Recommended by a friend or neighbor _____

Clergy or parishioner called on me when I moved into the area _____ *(continued next page)*

What first brought you to St. Mary's Church? (Check up to 3) (Continued)

Pastoral contact with clergy of St. Mary's Church _____

The Sunday School _____

Sampled several churches and liked St. Mary's Church best _____

Was attracted by the reputation of St. Mary's Church _____

My family _____

Other (please specify) _____

5. Why have you continued coming to St. Mary's Church? *(Check as many as apply)*

Loyalty to the Episcopal Church _____

A supportive community _____

Style of worship appeals to me _____

The music _____

The Clergy _____

I particularly enjoy participating in one or more of the activities of the parish; (e.g., choir, educational programs, etc.) _____

I appreciate the opportunities for spiritual growth _____

Family has always attended _____

I appreciate the chance to share in social activities _____

I want my children raised in the Christian faith _____

I like the people _____

Habit _____

Closest Episcopal Church _____

6. Your involvement in the life of the parish: *(Check as many as apply)*

Past Present Parish Life _____

Christian Education (Adult or Sunday School) _____

Diocesan/Regional Activities _____

Buildings/Grounds _____

Restoration Association _____

Choir _____

Outreach _____

Usher _____

Acolyte _____

Lay Reader _____

Altar Guild _____

Vestry _____

Commissions _____

Youth Group _____

Lay Visitors _____

Other (please specify) _____

7. How important are the various aspects of a worship service?

<u>Very</u> <u>Important</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>Important</u>	<u>Worship Service</u>
_____	_____	_____	A good sermon
_____	_____	_____	Service music, other than hymns and anthems
_____	_____	_____	Prayers
_____	_____	_____	Fellowship/worship with others

8. Ritual is the degree of ceremony we observe in our service. Would you prefer:

Same amount of ritual: _____ More ritual: _____ Less ritual: _____

9. Following is a list of various aspects of the life of our parish. Please check any you consider to be a strength and any you consider to be a weakness. Also, check those you wish to have a future emphasis, regardless of current strength or weakness.

<u>Current</u> <u>Strength</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Weakness</u>	<u>Future</u> <u>Emphasis</u>	<u>Parish Life</u>
_____	_____	_____	Lay reading
_____	_____	_____	Choir
_____	_____	_____	Altar Guild
_____	_____	_____	Acolytes/Acolyte Training
_____	_____	_____	Ushering
_____	_____	_____	Church School – Adults
_____	_____	_____	Church School – Children
_____	_____	_____	Stewardship
_____	_____	_____	Bible Study <i>(continued next page)</i>

<u>Current Strength</u>	<u>Current Weakness</u>	<u>Future Emphasis</u>	<u>Parish Life (continued)</u>
_____	_____	_____	Outreach Programs
_____	_____	_____	Visitation to sick/shut-ins
_____	_____	_____	Welcoming Newcomers
_____	_____	_____	Episcopal Churchwomen
_____	_____	_____	Parish Social Events
_____	_____	_____	Youth Activities
_____	_____	_____	Coffee Hour
_____	_____	_____	Buildings and Grounds
_____	_____	_____	Parish Communication/Keys
_____	_____	_____	Diocesan Activities
_____	_____	_____	Sponsorship of a Seminarian

10. Are there any current issues of concern to you?

D. Christian Education

1. Attendance

How frequently do you attend Sunday School (weeks/year)? (Place "X" in appropriate box)

0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-52
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Adult Education – Would you like to meet for:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Adult Education</u>
_____	_____	_____	Discussion of social issues (continued next page)

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Adult Education (continued)</u>
_____	_____	_____	Review of informative books
_____	_____	_____	Bible Study
_____	_____	_____	Prayer Group
_____	_____	_____	Other topics of interest to you

3. Are you satisfied with the present curriculum for our youth?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Youth Curriculum</u>
_____	_____	_____	Preschoolers
_____	_____	_____	Primary grade pupils
_____	_____	_____	Intermediate/grades 4-6
_____	_____	_____	Junior & Senior High

4. Do you think the emphasis, which is given to our Christian Education programs is adequate:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Christian Education program emphasis</u>
_____	_____	_____	Youth
_____	_____	_____	Adults
_____	_____	_____	Seniors

5. Please check the following topics in order of their importance to you for religious education.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Religious Education</u>
_____	_____	_____	Church history
_____	_____	_____	Missions <i>(continued next page)</i>

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Religious Education (continued)</u>
_____	_____	_____	Ethics and morals
_____	_____	_____	Social Issues
_____	_____	_____	Family Life
_____	_____	_____	Bible
_____	_____	_____	Prayer
_____	_____	_____	Worship
_____	_____	_____	Others (suggest topics)

E. Missions (Tailor this area for your parish)

F. You and Your Rector

1. Listed below are some pastoral responsibilities, which a Rector might be expected to perform. Please rate the importance of each of these responsibilities.

<u>Less Important</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Pastoral Responsibilities</u>
_____	_____	_____	Teaching/working with children
_____	_____	_____	Teaching /working with youth
_____	_____	_____	Teaching/working with adults
_____	_____	_____	Visiting members at their homes
_____	_____	_____	Visiting Pastoral care in times of criss
_____	_____	_____	Visiting Counseling persons facing problems or decisions
_____	_____	_____	Administrative ability
_____	_____	_____	Evangelical ability within community
_____	_____	_____	Social Action
_____	_____	_____	Community Affairs <i>(continued next page)</i>

<i>Less Important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Very Important</i>	<u>Pastoral Responsibilities (continued)</u>
_____	_____	_____	Teaching stewardship
_____	_____	_____	Theologian: Knowledgeable in scripture/theology
_____	_____	_____	Preaching
_____	_____	_____	Liturgical Ability
_____	_____	_____	Musical Ability
_____	_____	_____	Spiritual guide/leader

2. Other qualifications that you as an individual would prefer in Clergy:

3. Listed below are some responsibilities, which a layperson might share with the Clergy. How much do you want shared in our parish?

<u>None</u>	<i>Small Amount</i>	<i>Large Amount</i>	<u>Responsibilities</u>
_____	_____	_____	Pastral Care
_____	_____	_____	Christian Education/training
_____	_____	_____	Service to the community
_____	_____	_____	Work within the region/diocese
_____	_____	_____	Counseling
_____	_____	_____	Spiritual guidance
_____	_____	_____	Other (Please specify below)

4. List the three most important qualifications you are looking for in a Rector.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

G. Additional Comments

Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire. Do not hesitate to contact any member of the Search Committee.

Signature (optional)

Please return no later than _____ Thank you!!