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The Search Committee to choose a new rector for Grace Church met February 3 with Sarah Sartain, Staff Officer for Ministry Development & Clergy Transition with the Diocese of Alabama, who walked us through the steps ahead of us. Sarah encouraged us to be mindful of the Holy Spirit in this process, and to remember that we are not just hiring someone to manage a nonprofit organization. We are looking for someone to lead us in doing the Lord's work.

The Search Committee is now working to compile an updated profile of our parish, which will be shared with candidates for rector. The Parish Profile Committee consists of Augusta Andrews, Sister Bowling, Lisa Davis and Connie Freeman. The first step is a survey of parish members age 16 and over. We plan to conduct the survey online. Invitations to take the survey will be sent via email. The survey will also be available in print form if needed. The target date to start the survey is March 1.

The target date to have our parish profile completed and published on the Grace Church website is April 1, at which point the Discernment Committee can begin its work of considering candidates for rector.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Davis
Parish Profile Committee