



Holy Cross Anglican Church

515 Herron Road * Farragut, Tennessee 37934

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Dear Parish Family,

Attached you will find a Parish Questionnaire. The Vestry will use the information that you provide to complete the Parish Profile; this is the first Profile that we have completed in over eight years and much has changed in that time. This Profile will seek to provide a prospective rector an accurate "snapshot" of Holy Cross Anglican Church. As such, it is desirable for everyone to be candid in his and her responses.

We ask that you take this Questionnaire home with you so that you will have ample time to complete your responses. We encourage responses from our young people as well. If your youngsters are not yet confirmed, please attach their input on a blank sheet of paper and return it as below. If you prefer to complete the Questionnaire electronically, you may do so using a link posted on the Holy Cross website: www.holycrossknoxville.org. It will then be forwarded to the Vestry.

When you are satisfied with your work, you are asked to place it in an envelope and either mail it to the church in care of the Secretary or drop it in the box that will be provided in the narthex. We would like to have all the responses returned to the church **not later than Sunday February 4, 2018.** You may sign your Questionnaire or not. The choice is up to you. The Questionnaires are numbered at the top but the number is not assigned to anyone; it is simply used to allow the vestry to gauge the response.

The Clergy and Vestry of Holy Cross are looking forward to reviewing your responses and developing the Parish Profile. All members will receive a copy of the Profile when it is printed. This is the first phase in our search process for our new rector, and a very important one. Thank you for your prompt and prayerful response.

Faithfully,

Les Jones, Senior Warden
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Holy Cross Questionnaire

Enter Form Number Here:

At the end of this questionnaire, find space in which to elaborate on anything that concerns you or which has not been covered sufficiently herein.

I. Mission

The Mission of Holy Cross Anglican Church is to glorify Almighty God by providing a spiritual home in the Knoxville area where people will experience Christ through traditional Anglican worship; by complying with the Great Commission from Jesus, Matthew 28:19: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.", and by holding to "the faith once delivered unto the saints."

Do you have any changes or suggestions to make for this Mission Statement?

II. Our Church

Included in the profile will be the following: history of Holy Cross, description of physical plant, pictures, many ways our church building is used by the community.

Do you have any changes or suggestions to make for this section?

III. Our Community

Included in profile will be stats, demographics of Farragut and Knoxville, including surrounding churches, emphasizing the strong economic and residential nature of the area, ripe for spreading the Gospel

Do you have any changes or suggestions to make for this section?

IV: Our Church Family

Our many volunteers at Holy Cross reflect the strength of our Christian commitment to each other and to the success of Holy Cross. These include altar guild, Christian education, hospitality, pastoral care, music, Lydia's Guild, Men's Club, newsletter editors, Facebook manager, web site manager, groundskeepers, rose bed care, custodians, needlepoint committee, and others.

A. What do you believe are the strengths of our Holy Cross family and Parish Life, and why?

B. What do you believe are the weaknesses of our Holy Cross family and Parish Life and why?

C. How can we better minister to our own parishioners?

D. Why did you come to Holy Cross the first time? What caused you to visit Holy Cross the second time? Why do you stay at Holy Cross?

IV. Church Family (cont'd)

E. What best describes your previous faith traditions?

F. . Being a part of Holy Cross requires me to drive some distance from where I live.
That distance is

1. Zero to Ten miles

2. 21 to 30 miles

3. 11 to 20 miles

4. 31 - 60 miles

5. 61 miles or more

G. My age range:

1. < 16

2. 16-25

3. 26-45

4. 46-55

5. 56-65

6. 66 and over

V. Our Worship and Music

We are a parish church of the Anglican Province of America. As such, all of our services are conducted in accordance with the Canons of the APA. We use the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, supported by the thirty-nine Articles of Religion, and the 1940 Hymnal. We offer weekly Holy Communion Services each Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. These services are supplemented by special services offered at appropriate times throughout the church year. Our rector is responsible for the worship structure, style and elements of the services including music. He is also responsible for the furnishings and adornments of the Nave and Sanctuary.

A. Please use the space below to describe your personal preferences concerning the worship services at Holy Cross.

B. Would you commit to attending additional traditional Anglican services? If so, what and when?

YES NO

What

When

C. What suggestions, if any, do you have to enhance the music at Holy Cross?

VI. Christian Foundation and Education

A. Rank on a scale of 1(most) to 5(least) the importance to you of the following five areas:

	Rank 1-5
Inquirer's Class	<input type="text"/>
Children's Education	<input type="text"/>
Adult Bible Study	<input type="text"/>
Lenten Study	<input type="text"/>
Acolyte Training	<input type="text"/>

VI. Christian Foundation and Education (cont.)

B. What suggestions would you make to enhance our Christian education?

VII. Outreach

Lydia's Guild Outreach projects for 2017 included Lost Sheep Ministry, CADES adult day care, Hope Resource Center, Volunteer Ministry, Care Cuts, Salvation Army, and Court support of displaced children.

Our church belongs to Farragut Chamber of Commerce and hosts a Networking event annually. We also provide a community Tea, Pancake Supper, Italian Fest, Fish Fry, BBQ, Ash Wednesday and Christmas Eve services, and a Lenten appeal.

What other outreach efforts would you like to see from Holy Cross?

VIII. Challenges

A. Describe our greatest challenges, in your opinion, for us as an Anglican congregation in this area.

B. Our parish has voiced its aspirations to be able to financially cover many challenges, including building upkeep and improvements, adequate compensation for clergy and staff, (i.e. sextons, secretary, yard maintenance), etc. What are your aspirations for Holy Cross

1. in the short term (1-2 years)

2. In the long term (5-10 yrs.)

C. What suggestions would you make for financially attaining these goals?

IX. Opportunities

Holy Cross has many opportunities for service within the Parish, including Usher, Altar service, Altar guild, Music, Sexton, Grounds Keeping, Kitchen/Hospitality, Men's Club/Lydia's Guild, Vestry, Bookkeeping, Website and Facebook page upkeep.

A. Do you see other opportunities to serve within our Parish family?

B. What areas would you say hold the greatest opportunities for *growth of Holy Cross*?

1) Adding more parishioners

Strongly Agree Agree Not Sure Disagree Strongly Disagree

2) More emphasis placed on getting our name and location "out there"

Strongly Agree Agree Not Sure Disagree Strongly Disagree

3) Volunteering more time toward opportunities to build our congregation

Strongly Agree Agree Not Sure Disagree Strongly Disagree

X. Vision for Holy Cross' Rector

The Biblical qualifications for a pastor/priest are primarily found in I Timothy 3; 1-7, Titus 1: 5-9, and I Peter 5: 2-3. These qualifications focus on personal character and the ability to teach.

Other pastoral attributes which would be helpful include:

*Be a provider of pastoral care filled with wisdom and God's guidance

*Be an inclusive leader who loves, respects, and honors all people and develops new leadership within the church

*Be a skilled negotiator and a peaceful mediator

*Be a powerful presence in the community

*Be a skilled speaker and deliver thought-provoking sermons that stir our hearts to God's call in our lives

*Be committed to adult and children's education

*Be available, friendly, and display a sense of humor

*Display humility and honesty

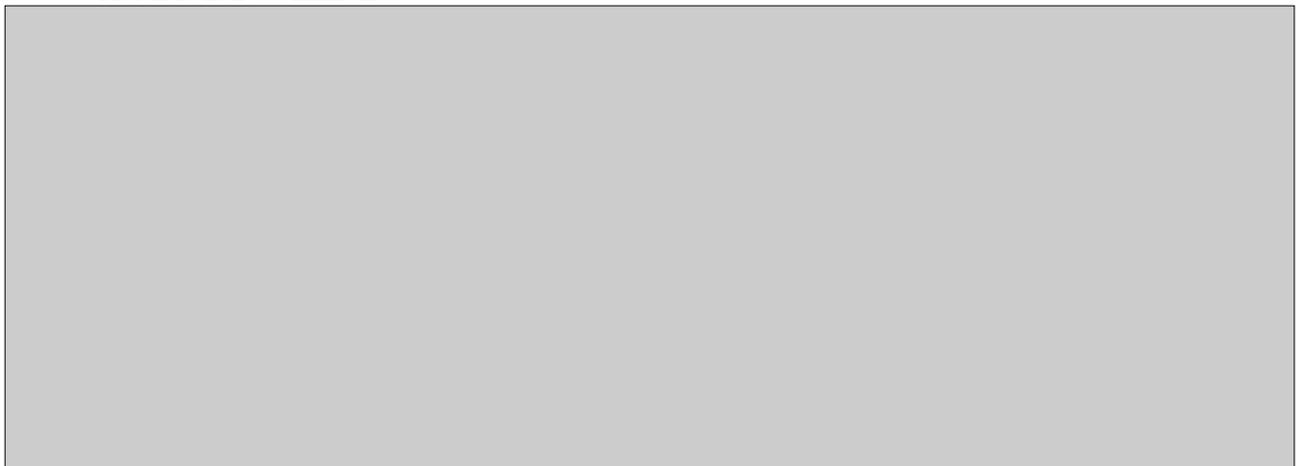
The qualities I value most in a parish priest are:

XI. Open Letter to our next Priest

Use this space to freely open your heart and mind to our next shepherd, reiterating anything you feel strongly about that will enable Holy Cross to more fully fulfill God’s will for this parish.



XII. Additional Comments



Instructions for e-mailing the completed form: 1) Save the .pdf to your desktop. 2) Click the following link to open an e-mail ["please submit my completed questionnaire"](#). 3) Move or copy the completed form that was saved to the desktop to the open e-mail. Write notes, or change the subject; ensure .pdf is attached and hit “send”.