

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION

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SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Fellow Parishioners, on behalf of your Priest in charge and your Vestry, I want to thank you for your prayers and support during this past year. We legally merged the former parishes of the Church of the Ascension and All Saints Episcopal Church during 2018. I think we've continued to make great progress in terms of getting to know one another and continuing our mission to be a viable African American Episcopal presence in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

This is the last time I will address you as Senior Warden. After today you will have a new leadership team and soon a new priest to represent your interests. Father Dunnington will officially retire April 28, 2019 and his leadership and spiritual guidance will be missed. Without him we could not have navigated through the last several years. Your clergy search committee of myself, Patricia Heeter, Michael Watson, Betty Brown, Bill Young, Laura Mabry and Prince Thomas have been working with the Diocese through the Canon to the Ordinary, Joe Chambers, to identify candidates to replace Father Dunnington. We expect to make a candidate recommendation to the Vestry very soon.

In terms of our building renovation plans we are in process of preparing a specific detailed proposal to present to the Diocese. This proposal will include our request for financial assistance, our parish budget projections and our commitment to financially support the project and general construction details. We would also provide information regarding ongoing outreach and ministry efforts that help justify our existence in this community. We would expect to submit our proposal once our new priest is in place and has provided input on the project.

Our future is bright but there's still work to be done. Cooperation in terms of your time and treasure and of course, your prayers, will help to ensure our success.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to you.

Michael V Griffin, Sr

Senior Warden