

P R O G R A M



Earlier this year, St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Germantown was one of two local non-profits to receive a grant for green storm water infrastructure site improvements from the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD). The grant totaling \$800,000 is part of the PWD's "Green City, Clean Waters" initiative. Greenprint Partners will deliver rain gardens and additional canopy trees to the church with funds from the grant.

According to Greenpoint, St Luke's will not only receive property enhancements because of this grant, but it can also reduce the church's annual storm water bills up to 80 percent. The project will be completed in March 2020.

Looking for information on related grants? Contact Canon Betsy Ivey, bivey@diopa.org, or Canon Kirk Berlenbach, kberlenbach@diopa.org.

R E S O U R C E

Collect, Reflect, Teach, and Share

A year ago at General Convention, resolutions A068 and D046 were passed urging each diocese to create a liturgical commission to prayerfully collect, reflect, teach, and share resources within the diocese.

As a result, Bishop Gutiérrez has commissioned a diverse group of 12 lay and clergy members from around the diocese to serve on a new Liturgical Discernment Commission.

As the Committee journeys together in our work, we keep always in our mind the words of the A068 resolution to "collect, reflect, teach, and share" the liturgical depth and breadth of our prayer book and the common prayer that rises out of our worshiping communities. To that end, the committee has endeavored to look into those four areas to help us respond with faithfulness to the call from the General Convention and our Bishop towards this work. We are well on our way in collecting and understanding the diversity of liturgical practices within our diocese, as seen through the eyes of a survey sent out this summer. Through this survey, we were able to get a peek inside a typical Sunday within our parishes, as well as other services that are engaging with liturgy. With many of our parishes responding, it has allowed us to use the survey as a launching point for reflection and discussion around the needs and hopes of our communities, and how our prayer book and liturgies respond to them.

Through this information, as well as through ongoing discussions in our diocese, we continue to understand our strengths as a worshiping community, as well as the gaps that have formed. Particularly in response to those gaps, we have been exploring and developing educational concepts that will teach and engage with the transformative depth and richness of the 1979 prayer book, as well as other existing resources. Our hope is that out of that work, we are able share pathways of education and support for musicians and clergy as the liturgical needs and capacities of our congregations shift. It is exciting to dream, discuss, learn, and explore what could be possible when, out of a wealth of education and resources, our liturgical growth as a community inspires our missional growth (and vice-versa!) This is holy and exciting work.

We ask for continued prayer as we journey further, and look forward to continued conversation with our diocese!

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Liturgical Growth