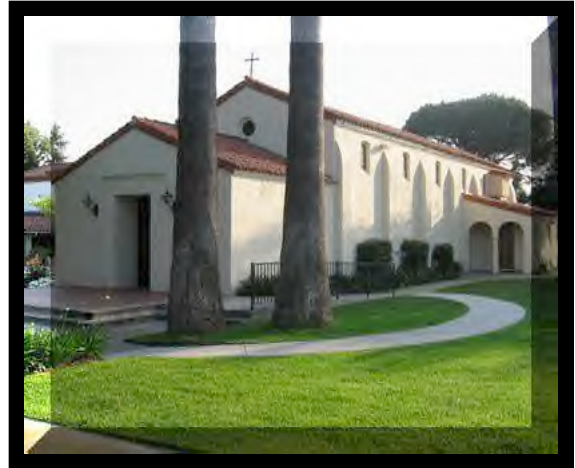


Church of the Transfiguration
Arcadia, California
June 2008

Our Parish Profile

**PARISH
MEMBERSHIP
QUESTIONNAIRE**



Each parish member, 16 years of age or older,
is asked to complete the attached questionnaire and return it to the church office no later than
Sunday, June 22, 2008.

Your answers will be carefully evaluated.

The results of this survey will be published along with information and factual data about our community and parish in a document called *The Parish Profile*.

The Parish Profile is an important step in the process of identifying and calling our next rector. Its use is threefold: (1) It will aid the Search Committee and the Vestry, who ultimately decides who our rector will be, (2) It will help the diocesan staff match our parish with likely candidates, and (3) It will give candidates insight and information about our community, our parish and its people.

Your answers and any comments will be handled in complete confidence.

When you turn in your questionnaire, this cover with your name will be separated from the attached pages. The cover will verify you have taken part in this survey, but your answers will, in effect, be anonymous.

You are being asked to participate in something vital to the calling process. Please answer every question prayerfully, thoughtfully and with the sincere interest of our parish at heart. Make written comments whenever you like. If there is not enough room in the spaces provided, use the backs of the sheets.

Your Name: _____

Please print

Survey Return Options:

Hardcopy to Church Office

Electronic copy to:

office@transfig.com

Mail to Church: 1881 S. 1st Ave.

Arcadia, CA 91106

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

As our church plans for the future, the vestry invites ALL members to share their thoughts and expectations for the ministry of our parish.

Please add any comments you would like to share at the end of each section.

SECTION ONE: Characteristics of this Respondent

Please check which best describes you.

1. I am male ____, female ____; under 20 ____, 21-30 ____, 31-40 ____, 41-55 ____, 56-65 ____, 66-75 ____, over 76 ____ years of age.
2. I have been at this church less than 3 ____, 4-10 ____, 11-20 ____, over 20 ____ years.
3. I attend services nearly every Sunday ____, 2-3 time/mo. ____, once/mo. ____, less than once per month ____.
4. I usually attend services on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. ____, 10:15 a.m. ____.
5. If living with another: my partner is active in this church ____, another church ____, not active at all ____.
6. My activity in church life can be summarized as:
Attending services only ____.
Attending services and other church functions ____.
Attending services, church functions and working on church programs ____.
7. My travel time to church is under 10 ____, 10-20 ____, over 20 ____ minutes.

For Question #8, one response per family:

8. I have children/dependents living at home.
Indicate how many are:
 - a. Under 5 ____, 5-12 ____, 13-17 ____, 17-21 ____, over 65 ____ years of age.
 - b. My children regularly attend:
Church service: yes or no ____.
Sunday school: yes or no ____.

SECTION TWO: The Ministry of Our Church

For each of the following statements, make a check (✓) indicating how important the statement is to you, using the spaces on the left. Then, using the spaces on the right, indicate your perception of how well the statement applied to Transfiguration **prior to our recent transition.**

I. Worship

<u>Level of Importance to Me</u>				“It is important that...”	<u>Present Level of Church Achievement</u>			
Low	Med	High	N/A		Low	Med	High	N/A
___	___	___	___	1. the congregation sing hymns and service music.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	2. we continue the present style of music.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	3. the sermons illuminate the weekly Bible readings.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	4. the sermons concentrate on spiritual development.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	5. the sermons speak to contemporary issues.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	6. the sermons apply the scriptures to daily living.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	7. sacramental worship be emphasized.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	8. children are involved in weekly services.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	9. the rector maintain traditional Episcopal liturgy	___	___	___	___

Comments:

II. Education

<u>Level of Importance to Me</u>				“It is important that...”	<u>Present Level of Church Achievement</u>			
Low	Med	High	N/A		Low	Med	High	N/A
—	—	—	—	10. our sunday school emphasize Episcopal Church traditions.	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	11. sunday school provides basic Bible emphasis.	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	12. sunday school provides instruction in Christian values and ethics.	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	13. the parish provides adult Christian Education (i.e., forums).	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	14. there be opportunities for training in spiritual discipline (i.e., instructed Eucharist and Lenten studies).	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	15. activities like quiet days and retreats be promoted.	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	16. adult Bible study be provided.	—	—	—	—

Comments:

III. Stewardship

<u>Level of Importance to Me</u>				“It is important that...”	<u>Present Level of Church Achievement</u>			
Low	Med	High	N/A		Low	Med	High	N/A
—	—	—	—	17. opportunities for lay ministry be available.	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	18. we increase our focus and education on financial stewardship.	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	19. stewardship emphasize time and talent as well as treasure.	—	—	—	—

Comments:

IV. Administration

<u>Level of Importance to Me</u>				“It is important that...”	<u>Present Level of Church Achievement</u>			
Low	Med	High	N/A		Low	Med	High	N/A
___	___	___	___	20. membership growth be encouraged.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	21. the rector and vestry maintain open communication with the congregation.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	22. the program and worship services be publicized in the community.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	23. the parish grounds be a financial priority.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	24. the facilities be available for use by community groups.	___	___	___	___

Comments:

V. Inter-Church Relations

<u>Level of Importance to Me</u>				“It is important that...”	<u>Present Level of Church Achievement</u>			
Low	Med	High	N/A		Low	Med	High	N/A
___	___	___	___	25. the parish maintain close relationships with the diocese and national church.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	26. the parish maintain a relationship with other Episcopal churches in the area.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	27. the parish maintain a relationship with other denominations in the community.	___	___	___	___

Comments:

VI. Quality of Parish Life

<u>Level of Importance to Me</u>				“It is important that...”	<u>Present Level of Church Achievement</u>			
Low	Med	High	N/A		Low	Med	High	N/A
___	___	___	___	28. members receive pastoral care by clergy in time of crisis.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	29. members receive pastoral care by lay persons in time of crisis.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	30. shut-ins be visited on a regular basis by clergy and lay persons.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	31. a priest be available for pastoral counseling.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	32. newcomers be welcomed and involved.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	33. the needs of senior citizens be addressed.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	34. the parish organize and sponsor fellowship activities for all ages.	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	35. the needs of teenagers be addressed through youth activities (including fellowship).	___	___	___	___
___	___	___	___	36. the transportation needs of senior citizens and the handicapped be addressed.	___	___	___	___

Comments:

SECTION THREE: The Ministry of Our Priest

Please place a check (✓) next to the 10 aspects of a priest's ministry that are most important to you.

1. _____ **Administration:** Ability to manage the affairs of the congregation.
2. _____ **Christian Education:** Ability to lead in the design and implementation of comprehensive programs of Christian Education.
3. _____ **Church Growth/Development:** Ability to sustain and grow membership.
4. _____ **Counseling:** Ability, in a counseling setting, to assist persons facing problems or decisions.
5. _____ **Critical Ministry:** Ability to provide pastoral care by responding to people at significant points in their lives, e.g., death, dying, sickness, birth, trauma.
6. _____ **Ecumenism:** Ability to provide opportunities to engage in interfaith dialog.
7. _____ **Evangelism:** Ability to train and lead persons to proclaim, by word and action, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to invite others into Christian fellowship.
8. _____ **Home Visitation:** Ability to provide appropriate pastoral care through visiting church members in their homes.
9. _____ **Liturgies:** Ability to plan and conduct liturgical services.
10. _____ **Music Ministry:** Ability to support congregational ministry through music.
11. _____ **Outreach Ministry:** Ability to minister to persons in need within and beyond the congregation.
12. _____ **Pastoral Care:** Ability to care for people so that they are nurtured and equipped for growth within the community of faith.
13. _____ **Preaching:** Ability to preach with clarity and to make the Gospel relevant in people's lives.
14. _____ **Preschool Ministry:** Ability to oversee the function of our pre-school and interact with the children and their families.
15. _____ **Social/Community Ministry:** Ability to encourage and enable persons within the congregation to become aware of and participate in community concerns.
16. _____ **Spiritual Guidance:** Ability to lead and encourage others in the formation and development of a deeper spiritual life.
17. _____ **Stewardship:** Ability to lead in the development and use of individual and congregational resources.
18. _____ **Teaching:** Ability to help persons of all ages understand and live the Christian Faith.
19. _____ **Theology:** Ability to demonstrate and impart a disciplined understanding of biblical and historical revelation and the perception of God's activity in the world.
20. _____ **Training:** Ability to provide appropriate training to acolytes, lay readers, altar guild, etc.
21. _____ **Transition Ministry:** Ability to provide trained leadership to congregations or organizations in change or at critical points in their life and ministry.
22. _____ **Youth Work:** Ability to connect with youth and incorporate them in the full life and ministry of the church.