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St. Anna's Survey Feedback

June 11, 2023

Demographics

(Out of 65 individuals surveyed)

▶ Age:

49 respondents were 51+

16 respondents were 50 & below

▶ Active in worship before St. Anna's:

60% - yes

40% - no

▶ Episcopal Membership:

37% - baptized Episcopalian

79% - confirmed/received Episcopalian

▶ Length of Membership:

1-4 years – 32%

5-17 years – 51%

18+ years – 17%

▶ Miles travelled to worship:

2 miles or less – 32%

3-9 miles – 46%

10+ miles – 22%

Demographics (continued)

▶ Frequency of attendance:

3+ times a month – 57%

2x a month – 18%

1x a month/seldom – 25%

Reasons:

Watch online

Health issues

Work/school on Sunday

Moved elsewhere

▶ Family attendance:

33% of spouses/partners of respondents also attend worship regularly

14% of children of respondents attend worship regularly

(70% of respondents do not have children in their households)

▶ Christian Education attendance:

Yes – 63%

No – 37%

Demographics (continued)

▶ Participation in Mission/Ministry:

89% of respondents

Top 5 Ministries:

Food pantry/Gracious Goodies

Vestry

Anna's Place

Altar Server

Dodwell House

▶ Financial Support

70% - pledge/donate to the general fund

23% - donate but do not pledge

20% - donate to missions

6% - do not give

I was originally attracted to St. Anna's because.....

Respondents were asked to check ALL that applied

▶ Top responses

1. Friendly & Welcoming Atmosphere (68%)
2. Diverse/Inclusive (66%)
3. The Rector (63%)
4. Worship Style/Liturgy (62%)

▶ Honorable Mentions:

1. Reputation as a Social Justice Church (37%)
2. Church music program (28%)
3. Outreach/Mission work (23%)

I KEEP coming to St. Anna's because.....

Respondents were asked to check ALL that applied

▶ Top responses:

1. Diverse/Inclusive (80%)
2. Social justice outreach/Mission work (71%)
3. Friendly & welcoming atmosphere (69%)
4. Worship style/Liturgy & Rector (68%)

▶ Honorable mentions:

1. Friendships/fellowship/family (58%)
2. Spiritual guidance (37%)
3. Church music program (31%)

The thing I most enjoy about worship at St. Anna's...

► Quotable Responses:

1. The 'come as you are' feeling that I get every time I walk through the doors. All are welcome. - The sermons that are relatable and relevant -The constant celebration of our city in everything -The support that is available to all
2. I greatly appreciate the high eucharistic theology reflected in the care, attention, and importance placed on the eucharist; the offering of eucharistic benediction, exposition, and adoration opportunities; and ritual features such as incense, Sanctus bells, and the Agnus Dei during the liturgy.
3. Being with my friends, the worship style, the incense, the bells, the sermon! I love a meaningful sermon, the stained glass, the pews, the hymnals. The food after church.
4. Everything! 😊

I would change the following about worship at St. Anna's.....

▶ Repeated responses:

1. Nothing! (most prevalent)
2. Christian formation offering for children during mass.
3. More variety in music, especially LEVAS.
4. Adding a second service (possibly Saturday night).

Important work/skill qualities in a new rector.....

- ▶ Top 5 responses (rank in order of importance):
 1. Ability to deliver a meaningful sermon
 2. Commitment to our Anglo-Catholic style of liturgy
 3. Ability to inspire a sense of mission (to further Anna's place and other mission initiatives)
 4. Ability to support and oversee administrative staff
 5. Support music from multiple traditions

Personal qualities important in a new rector...

- ▶ Top responses (ranked in order of importance):
 1. Commitment to the belief that all are welcomed and none are shunned
 2. Strong belief in the Resurrection and that Jesus is Love
 3. Commitment to servant leadership
 4. Commitment to encouraging and supporting new ministry ideas
 5. Socially outgoing

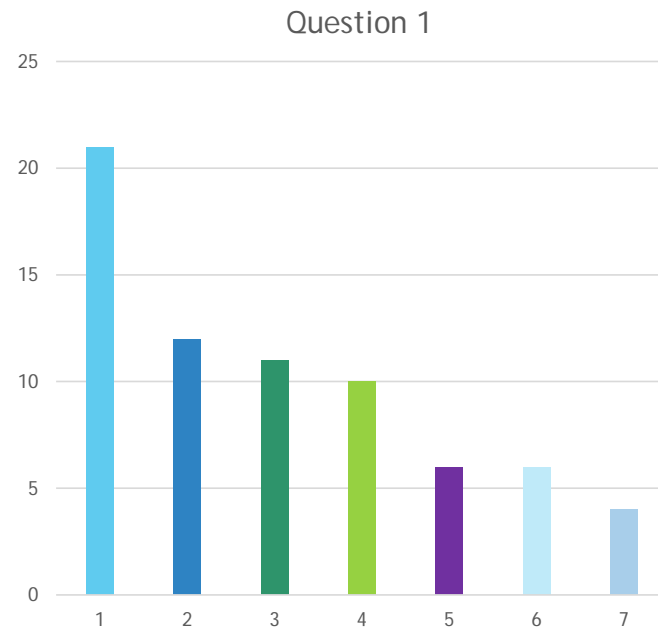
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St. Anna's Rector Search
Feedback for Parish Profile

Parish Focus Group Results
2023

Q1: Why have you chosen St. Anna's

- 21 Welcoming – Friendly – Acceptance
- 12 Outreach/Social Justice
- 11 Diversity
- 10 Liturgy
- 6 Ability to Participate in Lay Ministry
- 6 Sermons
- 4 LGBTQ+

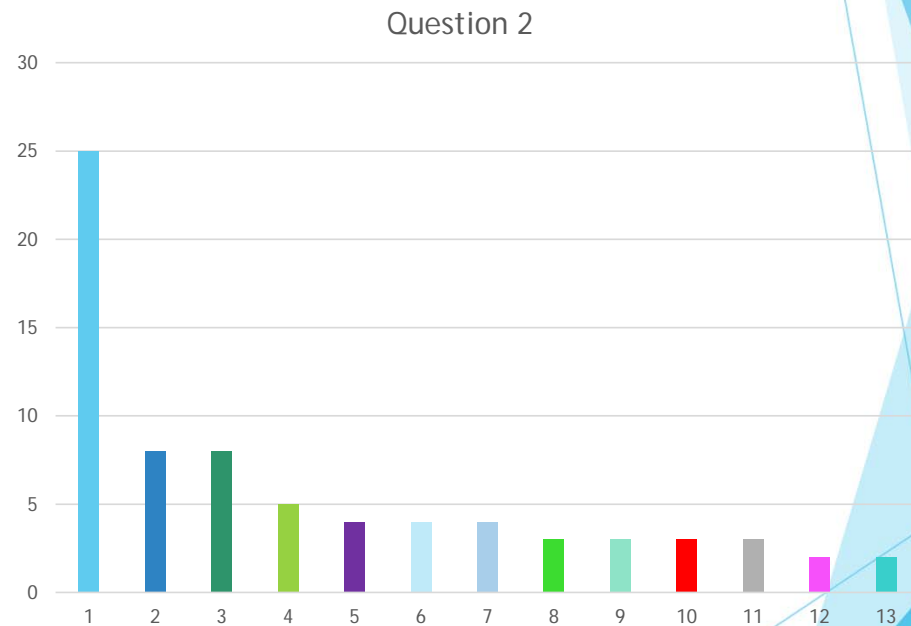


Q1: Why have you chosen St. Anna's

- I really like the ritual of mass – it's beautiful
- The church's mission work has transformed my life in ways that I can't explain. But it's not just the mission work, it's the community; it is, for the 1st time in my life being part of a church community where I actually feel welcomed and that I actually feel like my contributions are valuable, and I was invited to do so right away.
- Gives me a sense of belonging in order to grow in my faith
- I feel safe
- What I like is that it's an activist church, oriented toward social justice and nobody looks alike. Feeling like you are making a difference. Practicing what you preach

Q2: Where would you like to see St. Anna's in 5 years?

- 25 Outreach/Social Justice
- 8 Sunday School/Youth Ministry
- 8 Liturgy
- 5 Welcoming – Friendly – Acceptance
- 4 More Volunteerism
- 4 Diversity
- 4 Evangelism
- 3 Communication
- 3 LGBTQ+
- 3 More Mass times
- 3 Music Ministry
- 2 Ability to Participate in Lay Ministry
- 2 Facility Improvement

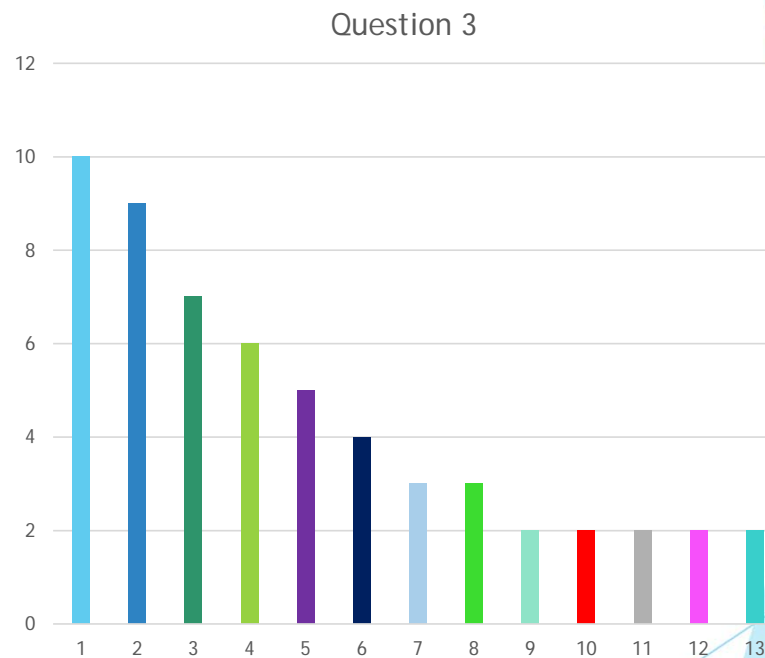


Q2: Where ... in 5 years?

- Dodwell House as a model for community ministry in the Episcopal Church, a place where other churches and different communities send people, priests & volunteers to learn how we're doing it, because we're doing something right.
- Have more Masses – earlier Sunday, Saturday or maybe Wednesday evening
- I worry about the condition of our old buildings. In five years there will have to be serious maintenance.
- More families with children. More youth religious ministries, Sunday School and youth groups, other than Anna's Place
- Improved racial and ethnic diversification of the congregation
- Maintain Anglo-Catholic piety

Q3: What are you hoping for in our next Rector?

- 10 Outreach/Social Justice Minded/Experience
- 9 Sermons
- 7 Mutual dedication/understanding w/ congregation
- 6 Liturgy
- 5 Young / Family
- 4 Welcoming / Accepting
- 3 Transparency / Communication
- 3 Community Engagement
- 2 Sense of Humor
- 2 Humility
- 2 Sunday School / Youth Ministry
- 2 More Mass times
- 2 Admin Skills / Organization

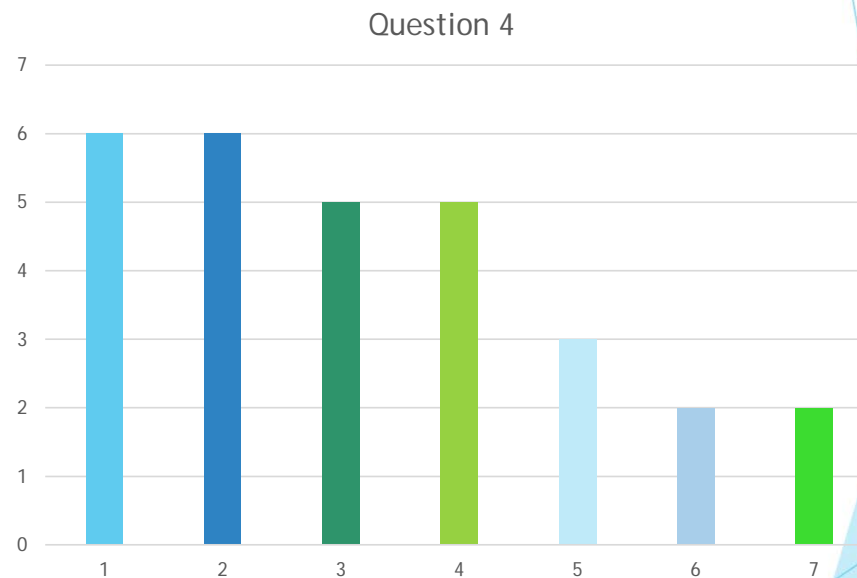


Q3: Next Rector?

- Strong preacher. Can give educational, historical, spiritual sermons because history is important because it can often apply to what is happening now.
- Understands the congregation – the pulse, the heartbeat of us—and to work with that. Able to listen democratically and communicate effectively. Sense of humor. Transparency in leadership
- That they really embodied the “all are welcomed, none are shunned
- Somebody who has a track record, who’s active, who has a demonstrated record that they do stuff in the world & care about the world.
- Comfort in LGBTQ+ spaces and good at building/maintaining relationships with the wider neighborhood

Q4: Remember a high point when you felt the church was doing God's work and fulfilling its mission.

- 6 Acceptance / Diversity
- 6 Outreach / Social Justice programs
- 5 Palm Sunday
- 5 LGBTQ+
- 3 Liturgy
- 2 Pulse Night Club Mass
- 2 Financial / Parishioner support



Q4: High Point?

- Bishop Curry visit and Palm Sunday - it was amazing, and I felt so much love, like no armor around my heart. The Palm Sunday 2nd Line, with the Storyville Stompers and handing out palms, involving the community
- Community showed up for Anna's Place with laptops/tablets during pandemic so they could continue to learn despite not really knowing or meeting any of the kids. That's God's work right there, just doing what you need to do for someone you don't know to make their life better.”
- Anna's Place modeling the values of how we're supposed to treat one another with dignity – that comes from our congregation.
- When I first came - I felt appreciated. It was a special place.
- The generosity of the gay community, who feel seen and appreciated
- There was a homeless gentleman who came regularly and sang & held his notes after, which I loved, and Fr. Bill would actually celebrate that.



St. Anna's Rector Search Feedback for Parish Profile

Anna's Place NOLA
Students and Parents
2023

Anna's Place Student Feedback

- St. Anna's and Anna's Place has allowed me to grow into a well-rounded young man.
- I wish I can come on Sundays to Anna's Place. I'd like to attend church.
- I feel safe at Anna's Place.
- I wish I could learn more about Jesus. I like looking at the statues in church.
- I am the only child at home but at Anna's Place I have lots of brothers and sisters

Anna's Place Parent Feedback

- I'd love if my kids could attend Sunday school. I believe it'll make him a more well-rounded young man.
- St. Anna's and Anna's Place has saved me and my kids life. I don't know where we'd be without the support.
- Anna's Place and St. Anna's supports you no matter what. I'd like to get my kids involved in the church.
- I wish Anna's Place and St. Anna's would partner on Sundays. We need Christian education.
- I love the way Anna's Place takes care of your child. They meet them where they are.

St. Anna's Rector Search Feedback for Parish Profile

Community Partners

(Apollo, New Orleans Sisters, NOAGE) and
managers and bartenders at LGBTQ+ bars

2023

Community Partners Feedback

- St. Anna's is welcoming and open to all walks of life, especially the LGBTQ+ community
- Meeting space and support of rector are greatly appreciated
- Hope the new rector will remain a community presence, go to where people are, support their events, accept them as they are including other religious affiliations or none
- Rector has been "go-to guy for anything that has a spiritual or religious component." Invocations, counseling. Vitally important to continue.
- Anna's Place, food bank, health clinic -- "people want to help" because of what St. Anna's does