

## **Mission Council Retreat (Part Two) 01/13/2021**

The SMAA Mission Council met for the second in a series of meetings designed to take the place of the usual retreat taken at the beginning of the year to focus our hearts and minds on the mission of the church. The focus was on how the church moves forward post COVID. Father Charles asked for prayer requests before opening the meeting in prayer.

- Debbie Marshall's friend Becky Daniels passed away
- Deborah Carlson's coworker Sarah Yin and her unborn baby girl
- Ashleigh's father, Harold Roach passed away
- ELC Teacher Ms. Angela is in the hospital

After the opening prayer, Father Charles led the group in a discussion about the life cycle and stages of congregational development. Next he asked the group how we make meaningful connections when we are socially distanced. After much discussion, Father Charles gave the group homework. He asked that we all ask someone that doesn't go to church, what can the church do to be a blessing in their life? He also suggested that we ask what the church could do differently to encourage them to attend church. Lastly, the meeting ended in prayer.

Members in attendance: Father Charles, Rob Martin, Alex Maitland, Debbie Marshall, Pat Brandon, Sandy Rains, Hugh Wilson, Kimberley Norris-Jones, Jim Lawler, and Deborah Carlson.

Respectfully,

Deborah Carlson, Clerk