

Minutes of Vestry Meeting
Saturday, September 13
Limina Renewal Center, Searsport

Attendees: Rev. Paut Briggs, Rev. Kristen Burkholder, Elizabeth Moran, Donovan Bowley, Terry Mello, Bill Freeman, Kelli McGuire, Jacqueline Recht, Cheryl Reif, Haunani Wallace. Absent: Benjy Lowry, Anne Rogers-Popejoy, Gwen Prosser, Ron Zdrojeski

- Discussion focused on how we can grow St. Thomas' and get more people involved.
- A 6-month planning calendar was started (September 2025 - Easter 2026)
- It was decided not to have a Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year. In the past, St. Peter's in Rockland has held a Community Thanksgiving Dinner - if any interested, they might want to reach out to St. Peter's.
- Paul+ proposed having one service from First Sunday of Advent (November 30**) to Fifth Sunday in Lent (March 22*). There was a discussion and vote followed. Bill Freeman made a motion to have one service at 9:30 a.m. from November 30th to March 22d. We will have two services Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. (contingent on musician's availability). Unanimously approved.
- The Purchasing Procedure Policy (previously approved by Finance Committee) was presented to Vestry for approval. There was a brief discussion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ending with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Mello, *Clerk Pro Tempore*