



PARISH TEAMS- Role and Function

Each of the parishes that participate in Shaped by Faith will be represented by a parish team at each of the 8 meetings. The team will remain consistent over the 8 meetings.

Ideally, the team will consist of:

- The Clergy Person
- The Senior Warden
- Another individual who is a congregational leader and an advocate for exploring new opportunities for parish life and mission

There may be exceptions to this configuration depending on whether a parish retains a clergy person and/or the particular makeup of the parish

The purpose of the team is to participate in a learning community with other parishes over the course of an 8 session, 16-month program. The teams will explore topics that will give them insights regarding their own congregations and their place in the constellation of parishes represented in Shaped by Faith.

The teams will bring information back to their parishes from the Shaped by Faith meetings and will complete “homework” assignments between the meetings that will engage their larger congregations.

The teams are not decision makers on behalf of their congregations, but representatives of the congregations.

At the end of Shaped by Faith, each parish will construct a plan for moving forward. This plan will be brought to each Parish/Vestry for endorsement.