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St. Michael's Weekly News & Updates



A note From the Senior Warden- Lindsay Taylor



What are you doing in the moments when you feel closest to God? Are you praying in a moment of quiet? Worshiping with all of your fellow parishioners at St. Michael's? Gardening? Crocheting? Baking? Singing? Meditating? Sharing a meal?

God has blessed each of us with skills, gifts and talents that are unique to us. But we are not expected to keep them to ourselves. They are given to us so that we can share them with others (totally re-giftable!).

You will hear from me throughout the year about spiritual gifts and St. Michael's ministries, and the best way to kick off this theme is by introducing the Ministry Match Survey.

At the annual meeting this past Sunday, Father Jesse introduced the survey, and I want to personally encourage you to complete the survey. Whether you are new to St. Michael's, have been attending your entire life, are participating in a ministry or are not sure the time you can commit. As you take the Ministry Match survey, think about those moments you feel touched by God. If you feel this impact in those everyday moments, then there is a good chance that these gifts would contribute to the health and vitality of St. Michael's. Your re-giftable spiritual gift.

You can find the survey here: [Ministry Match Survey](#). You will see a series of questions that should take no more than a few minutes of your time to complete. There is an answer key that you will receive after taking the survey,* which will recommend various St. Michael's ministries to you. This is intended to give you an idea of which St. Michael's ministries might be a good match for you and your gifts. If you have a passion for a subject or activity, and you want to share your gift with St. Michael's in a new way, there are always opportunities, whether they are listed on the results key or still in your head or heart. You can share in the way you feel called to - after all, it is your gift to give (and God is totally cool with you re-gifting it).

*In fact, the results key is available to you as a link towards the end of the survey, it will pop up again immediately after you take the survey, and when you receive a copy of your response, you can scroll down to where it was included in the survey and click the link there to see the results.



"Dear St. Michael's Family,

It is my honor to tell you that I have been selected by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to serve as a delegate for Province V of the Episcopal Church to the United

Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) for 2023. Nine of us have been selected from North America and Latin America & the Caribbean. I will be in New York City from March 3 to March 17 representing the Episcopal Church, Province V* of the Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, and St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Barrington. I am already engaged in weekly Zoom preparation meetings.

While I am in NYC, the delegation will be at the UN working most days from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. I am sharing this announcement to ask for your prayers and support. If you could please hold me in your prayers from now until I return March 17, I thank you. I will endeavor to serve the church in every way possible. Our delegation will be speaking to those at the UN about the Statement of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry which is available here. (Attached). If you would be willing to offer me financial support, I would also be most grateful. We have been asked to raise \$5,500 to \$6,000 to cover our flight to and hotel & food while in NYC. I give thanks for this opportunity to work to eliminate violence against women and to support equality and human rights for women and in our country and worldwide.

If you would like to support me in my work at the UN, you may send a donation to St. Michael's or put a check in the collection plate with the designation: "Lindeen – UNCSW delegate." Many thanks."

Read more below:

UNCSW Delegate

Presiding Bishop's Statement

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