

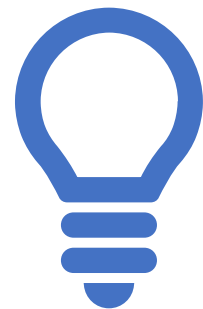
Faith

Welcome to
Holy Trinity Thornhill's
Advisory Board

Roles & a Few Rules

Talk about:

- your role
- Chair's role
- having faith-based fun, focus & meaning



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AND
HAPPY :)**

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BORING

You're on the Board!

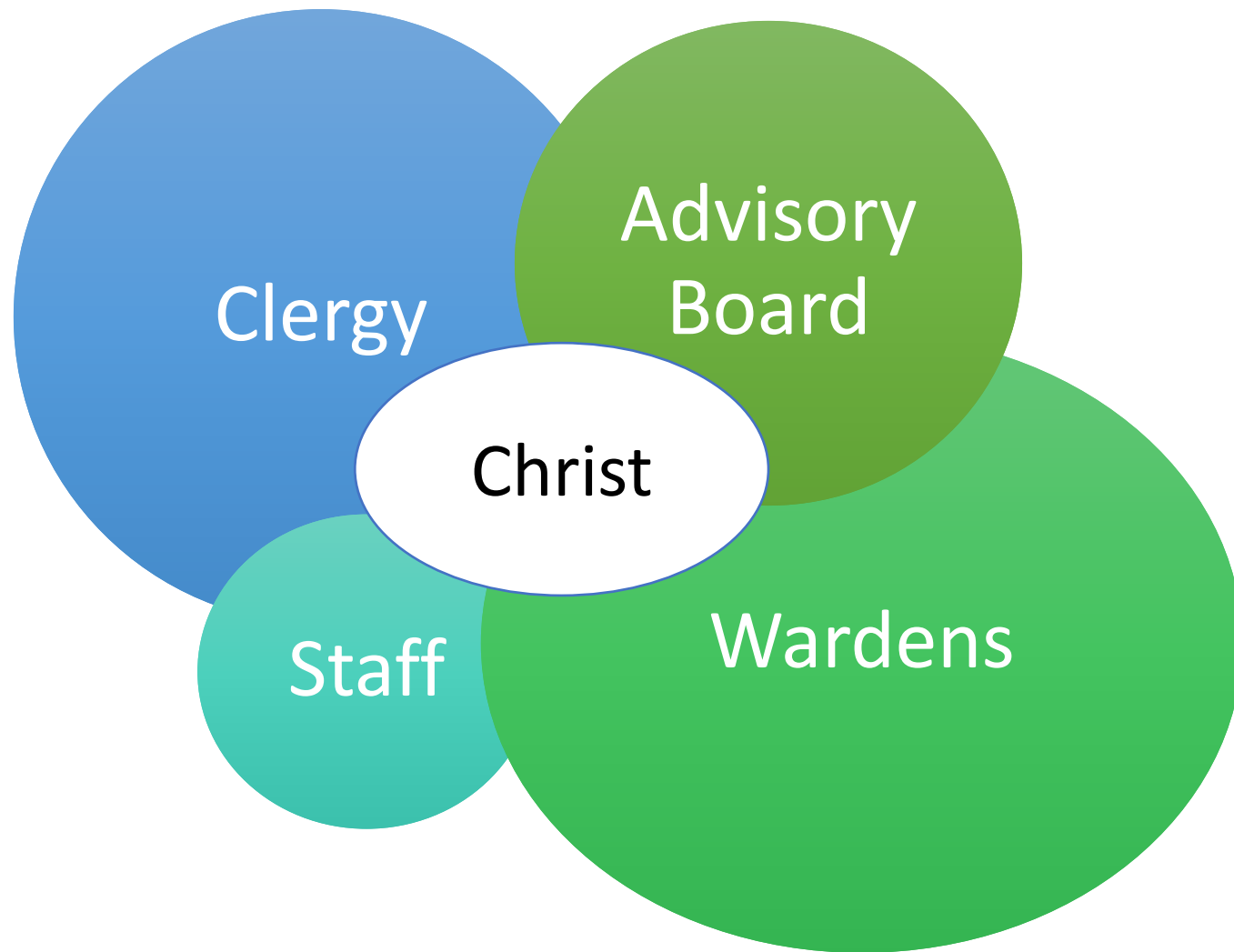
HEALTHY AND HAPPY :)

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- Exercise & diet
- Maintenance
- Diligence

Most folks are as happy as they
make up their mind to be

Abraham Lincoln



Roles in shared leadership

Parish Advisory Board



- Is a ministry team, engaged in worshipful work.
- Discerns and conducts its work with a deep and constant consciousness of the spiritual dimensions and dynamics
- Agendas, discussions and decisions are framed to express our spiritual mandate.
- Rely on the commission of:
 - Jesus to shape the board's work,
 - the Holy Spirit to guide the interactions
 - God's kingdom values and plans to form the context for all discussions.



Our mission

We are a vibrant, welcoming Christian community flourishing in God's love through fellowship, outreach, worship and spiritual growth, in an atmosphere of compassion and mutual respect.

Good things are happening here.



Our objectives:

To provide leadership to the Congregation/Vestry with respect to the Parish objectives including the following:

1. Meet the continuing needs of the congregation for personal spiritual growth and development.
2. Create an awareness in the congregation of the needs of the individual in the community and ways to respond to those needs.
3. Meet the growth and change in the community.
4. Fulfill our obligations as Christians to the world at large.
5. Maintain, develop and improve the lands, buildings and furnishings of the Church and rectory.
6. Provide the human and financial resources to meet these obligations.

Our duties

- Meet our objectives
- Act in an advisory capacity to the Incumbent and Churchwardens regarding:
 1. Matters referred to it by the vestry.
 2. Churchwardens' quarterly written financial statement and report;
 - make relevant recommendations
 3. Budget
 - make relevant recommendations
 4. Recommendations on any other matters affecting the parochial and extra parochial responsibilities of the parish.
 5. Assistance for the Sidespeople in securing the regular attendance of church members at services

Board Chair, Wardens & Clergy

- deep, mutual trust;
- growing respect for the wisdom and gifts God provides to each;
- constant, clear communication on all significant issues;
- commitment to the success of the other in their ministry;
- ability to keep confidence and confidence that each is speaking up for the other.

Refer to Rules of Order in Orientation Document





Problem-solving

Be curious, Not
judgemental

What comes naturally to us?

Joy

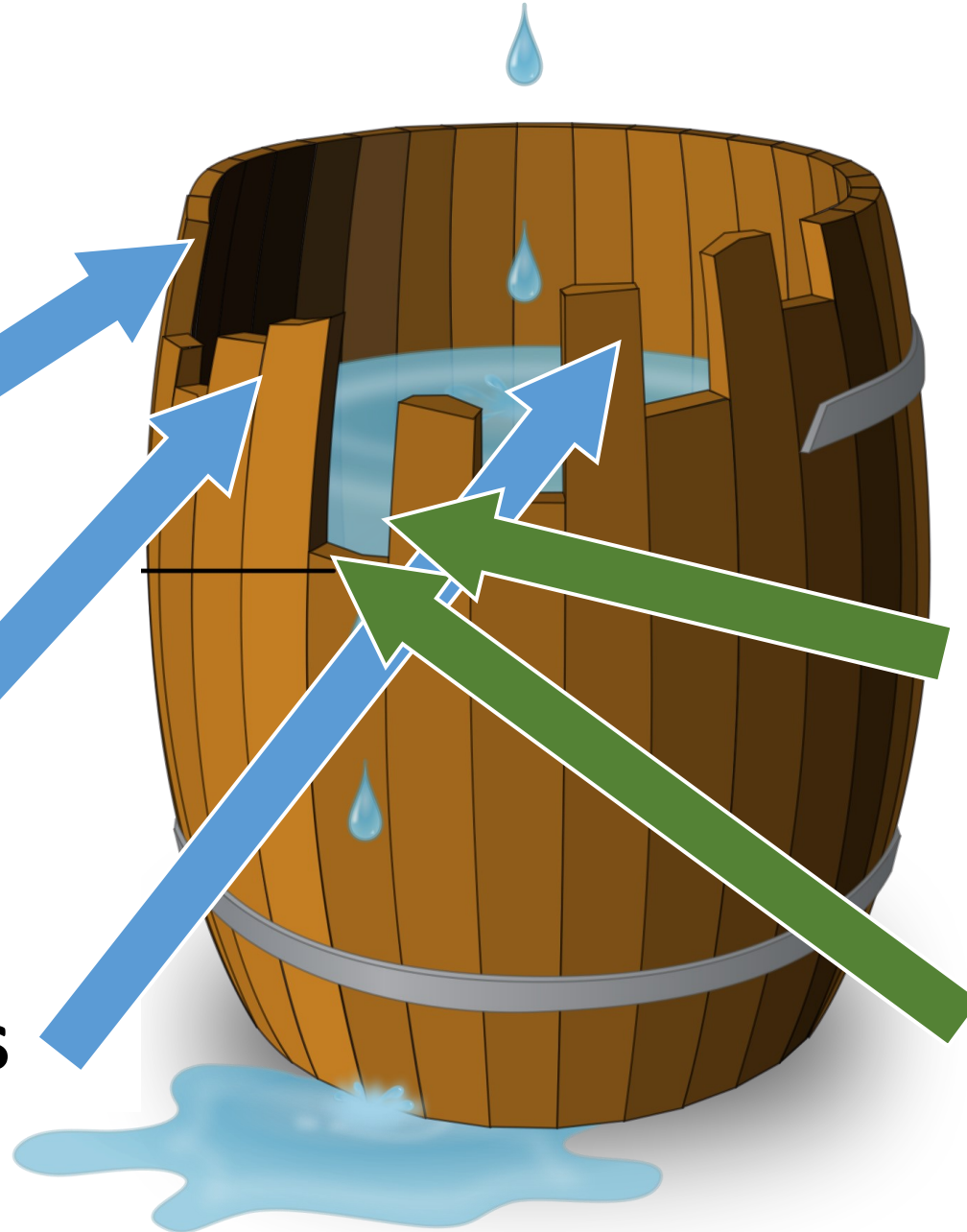
Teamwork

Self-awareness

What comes less naturally to us?

Welcoming others to Jesus Christ

Prayer





Good fences make
good neighbours.

Robert Frost

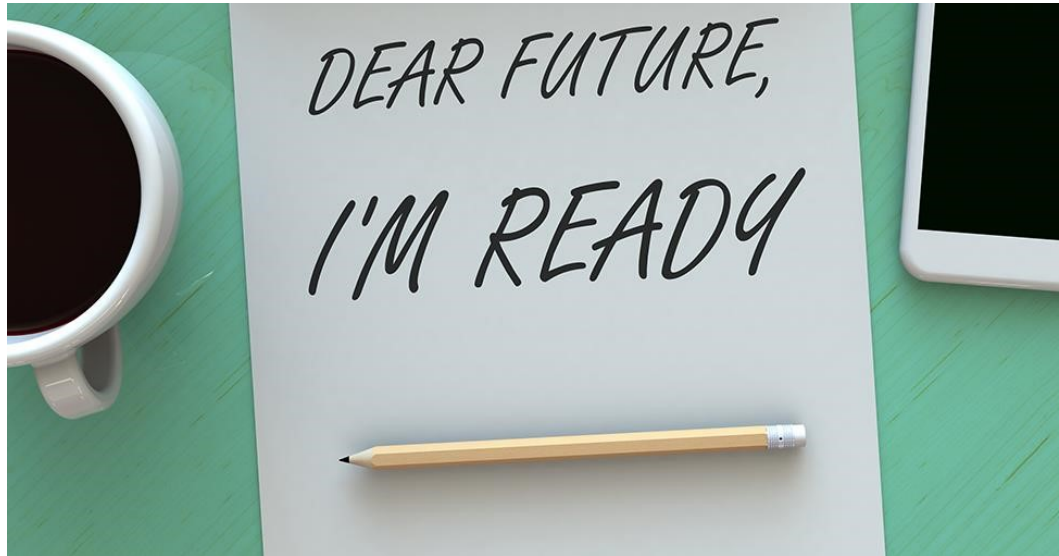
Good ground
rules make
good Boards

Ground rules: a lively, loving concern for the welfare of each other.



- No surprises for leaders at the Board meeting.
- Don't contradict or criticize one another to the parish.
- When differences arise, commit to pray, interact and find resolution in healthy ways, and to keep such discussions confidential as much as possible.
- Take time to share your respective visions for the church's ministry, with freedom to disagree and interact in love, without feeling defensive.
- When an offense, either real or perceived, is experienced, deal with it immediately, one to one.
- **Have 1 conversation at a time.**
- **Listen (it's an action), rather than waiting to speak.**
- **Once you've spoken wait to be recognized until everyone has had the opportunity to speak before speaking again.**

Enjoy the greatest time of your faith



- Be here
- Be prepared
- Be prudent
- Be loyal
- Be a member
- Be Christian