

Notes on Comments and Information provided by Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows
St. Timothy's Coffee Hour May 15, 2017

Once all had gotten drink and food and were seated, Rector Nickel said a brief prayer and then introduced Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows to the attendees and several children had been gathered to present flowers to the Bishop. Approximately 90 parishioners were present and all were invited to ask questions or provide comments. The following narrative provides a summary of Bishop Burrows' responses.

1. In response to questions about her life: Bishop Jennifer introduced her husband, Harrison, and son, Timothy. She values her husband's support, and believes she can and will give time for family activities and responsibilities in addition to her role and responsibilities as Bishop. She admitted that she likes basketball more than football. She is a runner.

2. Being a new Bishop: She is enrolled in a three year "orientation to the role of bishop." That program provides resources, face-to-face meetings with experienced leaders, and has a personal mentor who is outside this diocese. While Sunday visits are limited, Bishop Jennifer clearly stated that she can and will return to participate in activities and provide information when invited. She supports another aspect of the spiritual life. That is the "Jesus Movement." As promoted by The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Reclaiming Jesus and following Jesus is vital. Following Jesus simply involves Loving, Liberation, and Life (one that affirms and is full).

3. For St. Timothy's growth and future: While Indiana's growth in Episcopal congregations is slow compared to neighboring states, churches like St. Timothy's, with vital leadership, will improve that statistic. The diversity at St. Timothy's represents the surrounding community. She was impressed with comments from the attendees about the welcoming and friendly environment projected. Comments also credited Rev. Rebecca's leadership for all the current vitality. All three Episcopal hymnals in the pews was affirmed by Bishop Jennifer, because the variety of songs with more familiar and favorite hymns reflects the diversity within our congregation.

4. The last words: Bishop Jennifer pledged openness, honesty and the determination to provide resources.