



St. Martin Redevelopment Process

The process of redevelopment continues along the path of due diligence for St. Martin. Your Rector, Vestry and other parishioners are joining hands with Bp. Eaton and the diocese to develop a plan for providing the best path forward to accomplish our goals of the reconstruction of our buildings and regeneration of our ministry objectives for the Pompano Beach community and beyond. As we continue our journey, the parish will be informed of the developments and encouraged to participate with your parish leadership.

Please be daily prayerful to discern and accomplish God's purposes within our developing ministry.

Every 30 Seconds Someone Turns 65

Is Your Church Older Adult Friendly?

The Older Adult Ministries Task Force compiled the following list of questions to help congregations think about the inter-generational aspects of their church in reference to an aging society. The ideas range from the basic to more innovative and are meant to be thought-starters.

SERVICES

- Do ushers respectfully offer to help elderly people to their seats, communion, coffee hour, etc.?
- Is the communion table accessible from the floor of the nave? If not, is there a side rail or a ramp?
- Is there a good sound system? Are ministers "attuned" to speaking to aging ears?
- Are hearing devices provided and readily available? How do congregants know of their availability?
- Is the church well lit for both reading purposes and for preventing accidents?
- Do you include congregants of all ages in all aspects of the service (e.g., as readers, ushers, etc.)?
- Could lectors/intercessors do their scripture readings from their seats with a handheld mic?
- When the congregation is asked to stand or kneel, are the words "as you are able" included?

COMMUNICATIONS

- Are there large-print prayer books, Bibles, and bulletins available?
- Is your signage for restrooms and stairs well placed?
- If name tags are used, are names bolded and in large type?
- Is a large font size used on the church website?
- Is there a large-font bulletin available, with all hymns, etc., listed?

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

- Do you offer faith formation programs that respond to the spiritual needs of older adults?
- Are older adults consulted on program development?
- Are the programs held in easily accessible locations?

