

## **Ministry Innovations Task Force report to Annual Council, November 2021**

The mission of Ministry Innovations is: *Undertaking a New Ministry Enterprise*".

In recent years our mission was manifested through the awarding of grants to applicants who created an innovative ministry that was new, unique, and most importantly was in partnership with neighboring community ministries. The anticipated outcome would be a ministry that served the currently non-served in the region, in a unique manner, and with colleague programs outside of the Episcopal Church.

In May 2021, The Reverend Donna Mote, Ministry Innovations Convener, accepted a call to be a rector in Key West, Florida.

Task Force members, in conversations and with Bishop Robert Wright, Canon John Thompson-Quartey, Easton Davis and Sally Ulrey, and through months-long discernment period made the decision to focus our efforts toward the revitalization of parishes.

As parishes across the diocese return from a many months-long period of "hibernation" due to COVID-19, we envision the role Ministry Innovations can play in energizing parishes so they can once again thrive.

We are currently working on a model of how best to carry out this work. We have identified a parish where we will establish a pilot program which will determine what will be successful and how it can be replicated in other parishes.

This Annual Council report is one of planning, practice, and possibility.

Annual Council 2022 we anticipate we will present an innovative program for parish revitalization.

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