

**ST. STEPHEN'S AND HOLY SPIRIT JOINT
DISCERNMENT August 2021**

Receiving names for Priest-in-Charge:

Church of the Holy Spirit, Tuckerton and St. Stephen's Church, Waretown.
Additional information provided at the Diocese Transition Ministry website.

PRAYER FOR OUR AFFILIATION

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, you have called St. Stephen's Church, Waretown and Church of the Holy Spirit, Tuckerton to walk together for a time in calling, supporting, and sharing a Priest in Charge for our congregations. Look graciously on your churches. And so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Priest for us. That we may receive a faithful Pastor that will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reverend Canon Donald Muller

AFFILIATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

(signed 28 Sept 2020)

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church (SSEC), in Waretown, New Jersey and The Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal Church (HSEC), in Tuckerton, New Jersey, sharing a common faith and ministry herein agree to pursue an affiliation calling a Priest in Charge and unified pastoral leadership team.

CHURCH PROFILES

St. Stephen's and Holy Spirit profiles are posted on their respective websites/Facebook pages. The common section of the profile pertaining to the joint discernment expectations of the new Priest-in-Charge are posted here for information and review:

EXPECTATIONS OF THE NEW PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

† St. Stephen's and the Church of the Holy Spirit seek to call as its Priest-in-Charge someone who knows God's presence in his/her life, reacts to it, and is skillful at sharing it with others. We are searching for a leader to inspire our congregations to continue doing God's work within our parish communities and beyond. We realize our Priest-in-Charge will be a full time position, but will be shared between

the two churches and that it will require a knowledgeable balancing of these needs with the resources available.

We are well established Episcopalian Churches, St. Stephen's is a parish and Church of the Holy Spirit is a mission church in the Diocese of New Jersey, and we are looking for a warm and welcoming Priest-in-Charge who has a personal relationship with God and a love of the Eucharist, who will deliver engaging sermons tied to the Lectionary readings of the day. We seek an enthusiastic, energetic priest who will share our passion about the Church and its overall growth and assist us with our outreach programs, such as: our monthly community dinners at the Church of the Holy Spirit; and our Food Pantry which serves up to 200 people from the surrounding area each month, our Good Samaritan House, our Good Samaritan House, which houses four employable men at a time who are in transition in their lives and need a temporary home, and our Thrift Outlet, all located on the St. Stephen's Church grounds. We look for a Priest-in-Charge with strong effective communication skills and the ability to lead and organize others, a person who will facilitate spiritual growth within the congregation, leading our Adult Education classes and encouraging young families to come to our church, to grow our Sunday School classes, someone who will be involved in our surrounding community, prepared to attend Township events to give the opening prayer when requested, and so meeting and greeting potential new parishioners. We look for a Priest-in-Charge who is compassionate, caring and empathetic. A good listener who will visit parishioners who are in hospital and will be available to parishioners who are in need of pastoral care either in the church or at home. Someone who will assist us in advancing the missions of both Churches.

**We invite you to visit both Churches
websites for more details:**

www.saintstephenswaretown.org

www.holyspirtuckerton.org

Please contact Rhonda Jackson, Acting Transition

Officer, rjackson@dioceseofnj.org or 609-394-5281 Extension 42, to submit cover letter, OTM Portfolio, resume, and responses to Clergy Questionnaire found on the diocesan website at: <http://dioceseofnj.org/transition-ministry>