



*St. Mary's-In-Tuxedo Episcopal Church
Established 1887
For Mission, Ministry and Service*

Search Committee Co-chairs named August 2, 2015

On Sunday, August 2, Senior Warden Frank Favia announced at both services that the Co-chairs of the Rector Search Committee are Lili Neuhauser and Greg Stevens. After meeting with the Diocesan Canon for Transition, The Rev. Canon Deb Tammearu, members of the Vestry met with parishioners Gary Glynn (Senior Warden in 2007) and Allen Barnett (Chair of the Search Committee in 2007) to learn more about the process and the skills and gifts needed for the leadership. Lili and Greg were chosen by the Vestry after prayerful thought and discussion as to who should best lead this process. Gratefully they both answered “yes.”

Lili Neuhauser, along with her husband Charlie and son Schuy, became members of St. Mary's over 17 years ago when they moved to Tuxedo Park. A lifelong Episcopalian, Lili has served in a variety of ministries, including the Vestry, Lector, Usher, and Outreach committee member. She has also been very involved in the greater community as a Board Trustee of Tuxedo Park School, member of the Tuxedo Park Garden Club and past mayor of the Village of Tuxedo Park. Lili also supports and volunteers in the many activities that bring the greater Tuxedo community together. She attends the 10:00 a.m. service.

Greg Stevens, a life-long resident of Tuxedo and a life-long member of St. Mary's regularly attends the Wednesday 10 a.m. service and the 8 a.m. Sunday morning service. He is the longest serving acolyte at St. Mary's with over 50 years of service. To this ministry, Greg has added Eucharistic Minister and Lector in the liturgical realm and also helps to maintain our buildings and grounds with special emphasis currently on the renovation of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit and the upkeep of the churchyard. Greg, and his wife Patte , have three adult children and spouses and four grandchildren.

The next steps will be the selection of the Search Committee. This group of individuals (5-7 in number in addition to the co-chairs) is to be taken from current active, pledging parishioners who represent the broad scope and depth of St. Mary's. The Vestry, along with Lili and Greg, will make this selection and announcement in late August.

The committee will begin organization of the group and the process in September with the first item to be the Parish survey which is planned for November. The entire Search Committee will be commissioned to their ministry by The Rev. Tammearu on Sunday, October 18 at the 10 a.m. service.