

THE FISHERMAN

A publication of St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church

And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." MATTHEW 4:19

What Does Church Membership Mean?

by Pastor Robin Dease

One of my favorite ancient hymns, *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*, reminds me of why I continue to be committed to Methodism and the United Methodist Church. There is a verse that always gives me goose bumps:

*I love thy church, O God! Her walls before thee stand
dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand*

WOW! I love the United Methodist Church. I am so proud to be a member and pastor of a church!

When persons unite as professing members with a local United Methodist church they profess their faith in God, Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ his only Son; and in the Holy Spirit. Thus, they make known their desire to live their daily lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. They covenant together with God and with the members of the local church to keep the vows which are a part of the order of confirmation and reception into the Church:

1. To renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of their sin;
2. To accept the freedom and power God gives them to resist evil, injustice, and oppression;
3. To confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put their whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as their Lord;
4. To remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and

serve as Christ's representatives in the world;

5. To be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in their power to strengthen its ministries;
6. To faithfully participate in its ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness;
7. To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

(From *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church-2016*. Copyright 2016)

Friends, being a member of a church is a declaration of citizenship in Christ's kingdom. It's a passport. It's an announcement made in the pressroom of Christ's kingdom. It's the declaration that a professing individual is an official, licensed, card-carrying, *bona fide* Jesus representative. Membership has its privileges.

I hope and pray that if not at St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church, you will connect with a church and congregation formally submitting your discipleship to the service and authority of the church body and its leaders. There is no other organization like her that Jesus promised "the gates of hell shall never prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

My next favorite verse of this hymn says,

*For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end*

Mercy! *Pastor Robin*



Christmas Eve Under the Stars Returns in Bluffton as Model for Future Worship *by Phyllis Brodie*

It was a joyous Christmas Eve as St. Andrew

By-The-Sea's Bluffton Worship was able to hold its *Christmas Eve Under the Stars* once again at Oyster Factory Park. COVID-19 had prevented the gathering in 2020 at the site owned by The Town of Bluffton. Last year, our church struggled with options and finally held a small in-car service in the Bluffton Campus parking lot. Bringing back the outdoor service in the heart of the Bluffton community this Christmas was an extraordinary experience as over 1000 turned out to be a part of worship.

Once again, St. Andrew partnered with the primarily African

American First Zion Missionary Baptist church located near the Oyster Factory Park. First Zion and St. Andrew often gather for Bible studies, special programs and for youth group. St. Andrew Bluffton Campus Pastor Daniel Burbage and First Zion Pastor Bennie Jenkins, along with musicians and leaders from both churches, helped to lead the night under the stars with the theme "Jesus is With Us."

"What we know is that outdoor worship is a safe way to gather," explained Daniel. "We have been in a huge learning curve these past two years, but one thing is for certain, being outside gives us the opportunity to be together." In addition to training tech teams for live outdoor sound, St. Andrew's Bluffton Worship has been working diligently to not only continue the livestreaming from inside the sanctuary which began in 2019,

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Please reserve

Friday, February 11, 2022

As the Lowcountry Guild of Organists presents

IN CONCERT

Dr. Carol Williams

Dr. Williams comes to the Lowcountry to present a recital in the sanctuary of St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church in Hilton Head on Friday, February 11 at 7:00 pm. The concert is free with donations accepted.

Dr. Williams is one of the most versatile and entertaining organists to perform. She can play anything from the most challenging classical organ repertoire to jazz, and everything in between! For many years, Dr. Williams was the artist in residence at the world famous Spreckels Organ Pavilion in San Diego. You will see and hear her play "Flight of the Bumblebee" with her feet—it will be truly a special treat you won't want to miss.



For God so loved the world ...

Giving At A Glance (January-December 2021)

	<u>Pledge Contributions</u>	<u>Non-Pledge & Loose Plate Contributions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Actual thru 12/31/21	\$737,289	\$378,274	\$1,115,563
Budget thru 12/31/21	\$826,334	\$425,000	\$1,251,334
Variance	(\$89,045)	(\$46,726)	(\$135,771)
	=Below Budget	=Below Budget	=Below Budget

The Lowcountry American Harp Society Chapter and the Hilton Head Choral Society presents the

**Lowcountry Harp Ensemble
with Guest Harpist**

Rhett Barnwell

IN CONCERT

Saturday, February 26, 3:30 pm

St. Andrew By-The Sea UMC

This concert is in honor of the Gullah Music of the Lowcountry and Black History Month. World-renown harpist Rhett Barnwell's arrangement of "Wade In The Water - A Lowcountry Suite" will be premiered.

This harp ensemble work is made possible in part by a grant from the AHS. Eight harpists under the direction of Tim Reynolds, artistic director and conductor of the HH Choral Society and former music director of St. Andrew, perform a free program celebrating the musical cultures of our area.



*Come and enjoy a celebration of
the Lowcountry and Gullah music!*

Our Condolences

☞ To the family and friends of our Christian sister Oveda "Ve" F. Gaudreaux who passed away on January 2, 2022. A graveside service was held on January 10, 2022.

☞ To Carol Beckelhimer and family at the passing of our Christian brother, Kelly "Dean" Beckelhimer, on December 28, 2021. A memorial service was held on January 6, 2022.

☞ To Sue Kroupa and family at the passing of our Christian brother, Ken Kroupa, on December 12, 2021. A Celebration of Life service was held on December 16, 2021.

☞ To Ann Scott and family at the recent loss of her son, Julius S. Scott III, in Michigan.

☞ To the family of our Christian sister Joann Charles who passed away on March 14, 2021.

☞ To Freda Thomas at the passing of her sister, Mary Sue Southern, on Saturday, November 13, 2021, in Dalton, GA.

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but to also livestream outdoor services through the use of a Wi-Fi hotspot.

St. Andrew By-The-Sea was the first church in the SC Conference to become a multi-site with Bluffton Worship starting in 2012 in a leased space at the University of South Carolina's Bluffton campus. Currently the Bluffton congregation meets in a space that was a former pool hall and bar, but St. Andrew purchased 10 acres in 2014 on Buckwalter Parkway for a future Bluffton campus where growth is exploding.

While the pandemic has slowed efforts, the church has no debt on the land and is now in the process of ascertaining an interim way to use the site until plans are finalized and campaigns can be put into place for first phases, including recreation fields for the community.

According to Pastor Daniel, once ground has been broken leadership is hoping to hold weekly services on the property, modeled on worship such as *Christmas Eve Under the Stars*, noting how outside venues provide the most comfortable way for the community to attend and to have a first-time experience with the congregation when looking for a church. The ease of participation was one of the considerations when the church first landed on the outdoor Christmas Eve service plan in 2012. Please pray for God's will as we seek to expand his kingdom in the Lowcountry.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

March 1 | 6-7:30pm | HH Celebration Center
Bluffton Worship Center

>> NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED <<

The cost is your generous donation to our Scholarship Fund

Look for more details in upcoming email blasts and in our worship bulletins.

All proceeds benefit the St. Andrew By-The-Sea Scholarship Fund.

This event is hosted by the Scholarship Committee, Family Ministries, and the Soup Kitchen Team.



'SOUPER' BOWL SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP EVENT

On Sunday, February 13 (Superbowl Sunday) we will turn a day of **Football** into one of **Fellowship** and **Feeding** hungry people. Plan on having lunch together as a church family (soup, of course) at both campuses, and donating that day to local ministries that feed the hungry.

For the Hilton Head Campus:

- Sign up by emailing standrewbythesea@gmail.com. Tell us by Friday, February 11 what kind of soup you are bringing and how many people in your group.
- On Feb. 13, bring your soup in a crockpot to the Celebration Center (CC) kitchen before either service and we'll keep it warm until lunch.
- Have lunch together in the CC after 2nd service.

St. Andrew will provide paper goods, crackers and bread, and beverages

While we'll miss you if you can't stay to eat with us, we'll send some soup home with you to remind you of your warm connection to your St. Andrew church family.

For the Bluffton Campus:

- Sign up by emailing monicabhhiu@gmail.com. Tell us by Friday, February 11 what kind of soup you are bringing and how many people in your group.
- On Feb. 13, bring your soup to church in a crockpot and we'll keep it warm until lunch.
- Have lunch together between and after services.

ON 'SOUPER' BOWL SUNDAY WE WILL BE ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD MINISTRIES OF ST. STEPHEN UMC AND MERCY MISSION IN JASPAR COUNTY

By-The-Sea SOUP KITCHEN

Missions – Sharing God’s Grace Soup Kitchen’s Friday Harvest Table

For more than 10 years, St. Andrew By-The-Sea has provided Friday Soup Kitchen lunches to south island residents. Even during the COVID-19 years, volunteers have continually served 60-70 grab and go lunches. An additional 47 bag lunches are delivered by volunteers to workers at two commercial businesses.

These 100+ lunches are prepared by a team of about 24 volunteers working Thursday and Friday in small teams. The tasks vary from procuring food, planning meals, making sandwiches, filling lunch bags, and preparing portions of hot meals to distribute on Fridays. These Friday meals are the first “leg” of our Soup Kitchen service mission.

It is obvious that the more dedicated volunteers we have the more we can do for our guests - such as the Harvest Table, our second “leg.” The Soup Kitchen Harvest Table provides a complete selection of groceries as the photo



shows. Our guests have a wonderful selection of meats, milk, cheese, yogurt, salads, vegetables, canned goods, cereal, and bread. And the ever-popular selection of sweets – cookies, cakes, donuts, and pastries – rounds out a complete shopping experience. Most of the produce is supplied by Second Helpings. It is augmented by donations from Deep

Well, the Dunes Marketing annual food drive, and our wonderful St. Andrew members. All grateful donations may be dropped off at the church office.

The “third leg” of the Friday Soup Kitchen is our clothing selection. A group of our volunteers organized an effort we fondly call “Mary’s Closet.” Each week donated clothes, baby supplies, socks, and shoes are sorted and displayed on racks for selection. There is audible joy when a coat, slacks, pants, or shirt is deemed a suitable size. Additional greatly appreciated items are bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. These and clothing items may also be dropped off in the church office. We thank you.

These three Soup Kitchen “legs” are held together by the SABTS dedication to service and outreach. To this end our

Fellowship Friends

Tuesdays at 10:00 am
via Zoom

Different Focused-Sharing Topics Each Week

Everyone is invited to join in!

Email jaygraves@hotmail.com for a Zoom invitation. If you do not have access to the internet, you can still participate via telephone. Fellowship Friends Co-Chairperson Jay Graves will be glad to send you directions for how to do this.



YOUTH PIZZA PARTY

For HH students, ages 12-18 yrs old

Sunday, February 6, 5:00 pm

Youth Loft (HH Admin. Bldg.)

Parents welcome // no cost // no RSVP required

*Let your steadfast
LOVE,
O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.*

— PSALM 33:22 —

church volunteers, both with time and talents, provide a key service to fellow residents on the south end of the island. Additionally, the “Soupers” as the volunteers call themselves, share in a sense of service, giving, and reflection. The welcome mat is always out for more Soup Kitchen volunteers. Karen Kirby, or Allan and Gloria LaCoe can suggest opportunities to you for service.

And finally, thank you to the St. Andrew church family for continual and loyal support of the Soup Kitchen’s mission.

Submitted by Tom Sharp

2022 CHURCH COUNCIL AND KEY LEADERS

Sarah Coffin, *Church Council Chair*

Andi Argast, *Council Recording Secretary*

Joe Kerr + Melissa Wagner, *Lay Leaders*

Nominations + Leadership Development Committee: Steve Alm, Jane Hilson, Andi Argast, Tricia Rawls, BeJe Anderson, Dianne Keller, Christine Eagle, Pat McGuire, Nick Mihelic

Connie Borgianini + Monica Barricks, *Nurture*

Sue Kroupa + Rebecca Jones, *Outreach*

Jim Gresham + Kathy Wilcox, *Witness*

Jeff Jones, *Bluffton Outreach Representative*

Kim Likins, *SPPRC Chair*

SPPRC Committee: Nathan Kunkle, Debra Keenan, Freda Thomas, Ken Seavers, Lynda Castle, Brian Little, Kathy Gresham

John Troyer, *Finance Chair*

Finance Committee: Jeff Herriman (Treasurer) Norm Argast, Fred Lynch, Judith Smith, Hank Barry, Serena Chandler, Shirley Sigler, Craig Christensen

Jeff Herriman, *Treasurer*

Jeff Billman, *Endowment Chair*

Endowment Committee: John Troyer (Finance chair), Sarah Coffin (Church Council chair), Mike Rogers, Michael Tucker, Jim Sims, Bruce Siebold

Floyd McKeag + Bob Gentzler, *Trustee Chair/Vice-Chair*

Trustee Committee: Graham Silcox, Bette Lynch, Kim Boyles, Kerry Alexander, Adam Flores, Rhonda Barry, Jeff Locker

Shelly Hudson, *Relational Ministry Chair*

Julie Chalpin, *Christian Ed/Formation Committee Chair*

Mike Rogers, *Communications Coordinator*

Madison Denny, *Young Adults Representative*

Caroline Thomas + Rosa Ti Olivetti, *Youth Representatives*

David Deis, *Building Committee Chair*

Building Committee: John Boyles, Josh Tiller, Shirley Sigler, Floyd McKeag, Sherry Conrad, Bruce Trimbur

Allan LaCoe, *Soup Kitchen Coordinator*

Stephen Ministry Leaders: Bill Putnam, Dave Peterson, Jeanne Seavers, Jeff Billman and BeJe Anderson

Jim Reeves, *Scholarship Committee Chair*

Scholarship Committee: Joyce Flowers, Toney Mathews, Dale Conrad, Karen Bostian, Jim Sims, Tina Browning

Bob Gentzler, *Tech Coordinator*

Tech Team: Bobby Riggs, Jim Phillips, Jeff Bornhauser, Kerry Tilden, Alan Prochazka, Noah Gorrell, Dave Peterson

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 - INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS + LEADERS

Look for a more complete listing of those who faithfully serve in areas such as worship, missions, small groups, etc., on Sunday, February 6 at both campuses.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration, that they may enter into his joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Newsletter
DEADLINE

The deadline for the **MARCH** edition of The Fisherman newsletter is **February 15**

Please submit your articles and photos to: standrewbytheseaNEWS@gmail.com

A graphic for a Town Hall Meeting featuring a microphone and a crowd. The text reads "TOWN HALL MEETING To discuss the Buckwalter property in Bluffton Sunday, February 6 following the 10:30 Worship service St. Andrew BLUFFTON CAMPUS Monday, February 7, 6:30 pm St. Andrew HILTON HEAD CAMPUS A livestream of the meetings will be available at hhiumc.com If you wish to submit questions prior to the meeting, please email to standrewbythesea@gmail.com".

TOWN HALL MEETING
To discuss the Buckwalter property in Bluffton

Sunday, February 6
following the 10:30 Worship service
St. Andrew BLUFFTON CAMPUS

Monday, February 7, 6:30 pm
St. Andrew HILTON HEAD CAMPUS

A livestream of the meetings will be available at hhiumc.com

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Monday, February 21, 2022 - Church offices open

They are called **STEPHEN MINISTERS**, but we want you to know their names and more about them. We'll introduce you to them in this and upcoming issues of *The Fisherman*.



Kathy Wilcox

Kathy Wilcox doesn't mind if we talk trash about her. Kathy hails from Auburn, IN, but has also lived in Akron, OH; Collegeville, PA, and Mexico City. She holds a B.S. in Education plus an M.S. in Technical Education and spent many years as a teacher. "When I taught at the American School in Mexico City, my picture was put into the *Mexico City News* surrounded by piles of newspapers. Because of the amount of trash on the school grounds, I started a "Dash for Trash" for ecology awareness with the students and formed a committee of teachers against trash. In 1984 this was unique!"

After returning from Mexico, she became a realtor. In addition to gardening and making floral arrangements, Kathy loves being a Stephen Minister as a way to serve God by helping others experiencing difficulties. A special time with one care receiver developed into a deep friendship that helped Kathy as she recently mourned the death of her husband, Ed.



**stephen
MINISTRY.**

For more information about caring relationships through Stephen Ministry, contact Beje Anderson at Beje@bejeanddave.com or call the church at 843-785-4711.

Congratulations to Allan and Gloria LaCoe for receiving the 2021 C. Dan Joyner Community Service Award. The award is given annually to those whose values represent the utmost in compassion, professionalism, and volunteerism. Allan and Gloria were recognized for their work with the St. Andrew soup kitchen, the annual community Thanksgiving dinner, and other areas where they have served.



Gloria LaCoe (left) Kenny Parcell, NAR (middle) Allan LaCoe (right)
Megan Myers Photography

St. Andrew member, Rita Jaklitch honored

On Saturday, at the SC State Special Olympics conference in Myrtle Beach, I was honored and humbled to be the recipient of the 2022 SC Special Olympics Champions Award. It was a wonderful event and I so appreciate being nominated and recognized though I share the award with everyone that makes Special Olympics happen. I urge everyone to volunteer; it might have more of an effect on your life than you can possibly realize. Borrowing from Gandhi ... be the change you want to see in the world.



St. Andrew By-The-Sea UMC
**SCHOLARSHIP
SUNDAY**

February 27, 2022

Buckwalter Parkway Project Update

by Dave Deis, Building Committee Chair

Unfortunately, we did not meet our December 31, 2021, deadline to start development of the Buckwalter Parkway site. But we are not giving up!

The deadline was missed because one of our permits, the state stormwater permit, was not approved before the end of the year. The state Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) requires construction sites to perform careful mitigation of stormwater runoff to protect our precious wetlands and estuaries. We are required to submit our full packet of permits to the Town of Bluffton Development Review Committee (DRC) for approval. By missing the 12/31 deadline, we also faced the possibility of losing acreage due to a reevaluation of the property's US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) wetlands delineation.

USACE provided an opening by allowing for a Jurisdictional Delineation (JD) extension. An application was quickly prepared and submitted by our consulting engineer, Ryan Lyle. The application is now in the hands of the USACE Charleston office. The state stormwater permit has also been updated by Josh Tiller to reflect additional stormwater mitigation by using water from the lagoon to irrigate the site. This common Lowcountry practice relieves pressure on the water volume in the lagoon while effectively returning water to the soil.

The last step in this process is approval by the Town of Bluffton DRC. It is not a "rubber stamp," but a careful review intended to enforce best practices in this fast-developing area. St. Andrew's profile in the community is an asset so the town administration is supportive of our project. Following DRC approval, site development work can begin. Watch for updates in e-blasts and *The Fisherman*.

Building Committee Meeting with the District Superintendent

Pastor Daniel Burbage and Dave Deis, building committee chair, had the opportunity to update Rev. Joey McDonald, district superintendent, and the District Facilities Committee about the

Buckwalter project. We received their unanimous support. What was most surprising, though, was their enthusiasm for an *out-door* worship space on the property. The Bluffton Ministry has a history of outdoor worship from Christmas Eve Under the Stars to the "parking lot sermons" to the beat of music coming from the CrossFit 843 gym across the street.

Paraphrasing the words of Pastor Daniel, an outdoor ministry presents an opportunity to be more welcoming to people who are hesitant to enter a church building.

Do the natural beauty and warm temperatures of the Lowcountry provide the ideal location for outdoor ministry? Can we make an outdoor worship space that inspires and elevates the glory of God? An outdoor ministry does not mean there will never be buildings on the site. Indoor ministry, offices, and conference space will continue to be a goal and a need as the church grows.

The Building Committee would like to hear from you! Please send comments, suggestions and questions to: standrewbythesea@gmail.com

**St. Andrew
BUILDING
COMMITTEE
UPDATE**

Sunday Mornings for Children – HH Campus



Sunday School -10:15 to 11:00 am in the Education Building

Celebrate Wonder engages children's natural sense of curiosity to help them understand God's love through Bible stories, videos, crafts, and other kid-friendly activities.

Children's Church – 11:30 am to 12:15 pm, following the Children's Moment of the 11:15 worship service

Nursery care is available on most Sundays, 9:00 am - 12:15 pm

HOW CAN WE

PRAY

FOR YOU?

LENTEN PRAYER

The Stephen Ministers of St. Andrew By-The-Sea want to pray for you, your loved ones, and your friends during the **40 DAYS OF LENT**. We will be using a special prayer meditation which will be an opportunity for us to grow in our own prayer lives as well as bring someone else closer to God.

Prayer request forms are available at both campuses. Place com-

pleted forms in the offering plates or drop them in the marked wooden box in the narthex at the Hilton Head campus. You may also mail prayer request forms to the church address, or email your request with the information to our confidential email address: stephenministryhhiumc@gmail.com

So that we may begin praying on the first day of Lent, please be sure your requests have been submitted by **Sunday, February 27, 2022**.

If requested, a special seasonal card will be sent to each person prayed for during Lent. These requests will be kept confidential and your name will not be listed on the card.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Kathy Wilcox, Stephen Minister, at 843.422.5282 or email to standrewstephenministry@gmail.com.



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LIVESTREAM at 11:15 am

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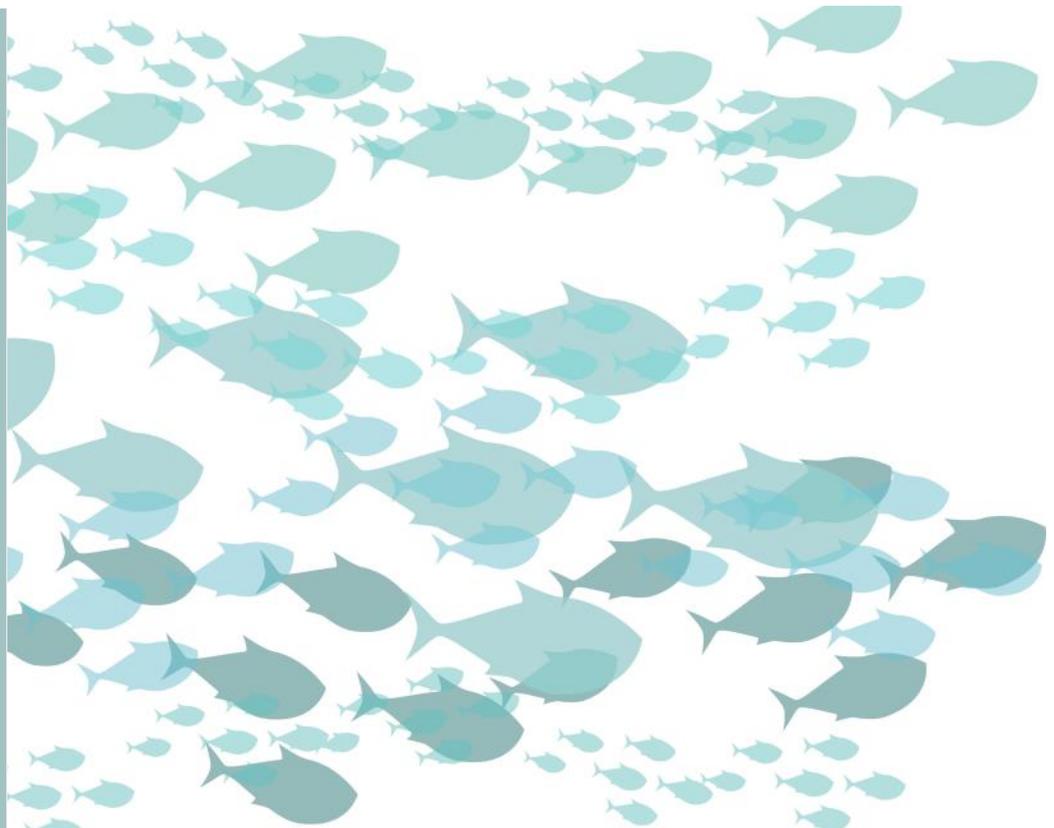
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seeking God's guidance as we minister to others.*