PARISH WIDE QUESTIONAIRRE

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION – MASTER PLANNING
August 10, 2026

"Making Christ Known by our Love for All"

– Episcopal Church of the Ascension Mission

Williams Blackstock Architects has been retained by the church to develop a master plan for the church facility. The master plan will create a vision and serve as a guide for accommodating the Parish's growth over the next 5 – 10 years.

We need your input! Please take a moment to fill out this survey and provide your ideas and feedback on the church facility. Please set aside time for quiet reflection and prayer as you consider these questions and your hopes for the future of Ascension's campus.

Worksheet

THE CHURCH IMAGE AND VISION

1. FUTURE VISION FOR CHURCH FACILITY. Please describe briefly what your vision for the church campus would be in 5 to 10 years – what it would feel like, function like or look like? Feel free to cite examples from other facilities or images you may have seen.

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2. CHURCH IDENTITY. What is the Episcopal Church of the Ascension's unique facility "identity" to you? What stands out as distinguishing features of the church facility that you treasure and hold sacrosanct and that should not change? What about Episcopal Church of Ascension's current campus feels special to you?

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3. AREAS TO IMPROVE. What areas of the church facility don't work or function as well as you would like, or in your opinion need improvement? Which areas of the church facility hinder our ability to live into our identity?

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THE CHURCH MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

4. CHURCH MINISTRIES. Please circle what ministries, if any, you are involved in? Please choose as many options as applies to you.

- Clergy
- Vestry
- Master Planning Sub-Committee
- Office Staff
- Nursery
- Ascension Episcopal Day School (AEDS)
- Choir
- Children's Christian Formation Programming
- Youth Ministry Programming – EYC
- Adult Christian Formation Programming
- Buildings and Grounds Team
- Altar Guild
- Wedding Guild
- Flower Guild
- Audio/Visual (A/V) Guild
- Kitchen Facilities Team
- Outreach Committee
- Fellowship/Parish Life Ministries
- Hospitality Ministry
- Lay Led Pastoral Care Ministry
- Senior Life Ministry
- None

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5. EXISTING PROGRAMS. What programs would you like the church to change over the next 5 to 10 years? This includes growth, expansion, or downsizing of any existing church programs.

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6. NEW PROGRAMS. What programs are **not** currently provided at Episcopal Church of the Ascension which you would like to see in the future?

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7. IMPROVEMENTS TO BETTER SUPPORT MINISTRIES AND PROGRAMS. What facilities improvements would you like to see to better support ministries and programs in the church? Please name the ministry and the facility improvements you would suggest to better support the ministry/program.

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Worksheet

THE CHURCH FACILITY

8. OVERALL PERCEPTION. On a scale from 1 to 10 (10 being the most positive), circle how you feel about the church facilities.

   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

9. POSITIVE. What areas of the church facility induce ***positive feelings*** when you experience them? Please name the space and how it makes you feel.

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10. NEGATIVE. What areas of the church facility induce ***negative feelings*** when you experience them? Please name the space and how it makes you feel.

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11. MAINTENANCE. What areas of the church facility are a maintenance concern and should be addressed in the master plan?

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Worksheet

EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR FLOW AND WAYFINDING

12. OVERALL NAVIGATION. On a scale from 1 to 10 (10 being the most easiest), how easy is it to get where you'd like to go on the church campus?

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13. EXTERIOR FLOW. What works about the exterior traffic flow on Episcopal Church of the Ascension's current campus? What does not work? Traffic flow includes vehicle and pedestrian access from the roadway entrance drive all the way to the front door. What improvements would you like to see?

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14. INTERIOR FLOW. What works about the ***interior traffic flow*** from space to space within the church? What does not work? Interior flow includes pedestrian access from the front door to your ultimate destination (Room or Sanctuary). What improvements would you like to see?

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15. WAYFINDING. What could be done to improve ***wayfinding or access*** to various places and spaces on the church campus or in the church facility? Wayfinding is figuring out where you are and how to get where you want to go, using signs, directions, or landmarks.

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Worksheet

THE CHURCH'S APPEARANCE

16. EXTERIOR APPEARANCE. Circle below what your interpretation of the Exterior Appearance of the Church Campus is.

    LANDSCAPES AND GROUND

    Very Poor *Poor* *Neutral* *Good* *Excellent*

    PARKING LOT

    Very Poor *Poor* *Neutral* *Good* *Excellent*

    EXTERIOR FAÇADE OF BUILDING

    Very Poor *Poor* *Neutral* *Good* *Excellent*

    EXTERIOR SIGNAGE

    Very Poor *Poor* *Neutral* *Good* *Excellent*

    LIGHTING AND VISIBILITY

    Very Poor *Poor* *Neutral* *Good* *Excellent*

    SIDEWALKS AND PATHWAYS

    Very Poor *Poor* *Neutral* *Good* *Excellent*

    OVERALL EXTERIOR APPEAL

    Very Poor *Poor* *Neutral* *Good* *Excellent*

17. EXTERIOR APPEARANCE. What do you think of the exterior appearance of the church? What do you like and what areas would you like to see improved.

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Worksheet

18. INTERIOR APPEARANCE. Please check or circle what your interpretation of the Interior Appearance of the Church Campus is.

CHURCH BUILDING (NARTHEX, NAVE, CHANCEL, AND SANCTUARY)
Very Poor *Poor* *Neutral* *Good* *Excellent*

WARE HALL
Very Poor *Poor* *Neutral* *Good* *Excellent*

CLASSROOMS
Very Poor *Poor* *Neutral* *Good* *Excellent*

ENTRYWAY FROM PARKING LOT
Very Poor *Poor* *Neutral* *Good* *Excellent*

LIGHTING INSIDE BUILDING
Very Poor *Poor* *Neutral* *Good* *Excellent*

INTERIOR SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING
Very Poor *Poor* *Neutral* *Good* *Excellent*

OVERALL INTERIOR APPEARANCE
Very Poor *Poor* *Neutral* *Good* *Excellent*

19. INTERIOR APPEARANCE. What do you think of the interior spaces of the church? What do you like and what areas would you like to see improved.

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FINAL THOUGHTS

20. Please list any other thoughts, desires and /or comments regarding the potential master plan.

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