**Church Name and City**

All Angels by the Sea, Longboat Key

**What we would like you to know about our church:**

All Angels by the Sea is situated in a beautiful oak garden on a barrier island, located offshore from the city of Sarasota. Our congregants tend to be older active retirees, with a significant portion who are seasonal during winter and spring. About one third live off the island. Many choose All Angels because of its friendly and open atmosphere, and its outstanding music program headed by our fantastic organist. We are one of five houses of worship on the island - Jewish, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and non-denominational - and participate in yearly interfaith activities.

 *“Our church is lucky to have such an unbelievable friendly congregation and an extraordinary minister.  I have no doubt that our church is going to grow over the next year”. (*long-term member of All Angels)

**What we are most proud of about our church:**

There is much to be proud of:

* Volunteers are vital to our size of congregation. We are proud of the broad-based active participation of our members in all aspects of church life, specifically in these ministries: Altar Guild, Flower Arranging, ECW, Caring Ministry (including visitation to shut-ins), Ushering, Lectoring, Bible Study, Discussion Groups, Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir, Dining Club, Property Maintenance, and Vestry.
* being financially self-supporting on a modest budget; healthy endowment fund.
* finding solutions to challenges, such as improving the sound system for an aging population, and making the church more accessible to the physically handicapped.
* Outreach programs, including global, such as supporting “Our Little Roses” in Honduras, and providing scholarships for Dominican Republic children.

**We are a resilient people because:**

Despite the coronavirus our rector, David Marshall, and his family plus several others, have been able to continue worship services in a variety of formats – Drive-in, Walk-up, Live-stream, Zoom, YouTube, and limited Indoor In-person when that became possible. An added advantage of this is that seasonal residents, as well as others from all around the world have been able to participate in worship services over the summer. In addition, we stay connected through a weekly electronic newsletter, Tidings.

**Our church makes a difference in our local community by:**

* Actively supporting two food banks with hundreds of pounds of food per month. After careful research, giving over $26,000 this year in financial support to high impact outreach programs including Unidos.Now, Children First, Family Promise, Meals on Wheels, and Resurrection House.
* Offering discussion groups and books studies which are a source of continuing education as well as combating feelings of isolation and loneliness.
* Maintaining and promoting our garden-like campus (which includes our baptismal font and angel fountain) for anyone to spend time in reflection and prayer.
* Building Columbaria in our beautiful wooded setting that are available to the community (there is no cemetery on the island).
* Actively participating in the island-wide Annual Thanksgiving Service.

**Please pray for us this year as we:**

* Continue to find ways to worship and support one another during the coronavirus.
* Find additional ways to reach out to those living on the island.
* Find new ways to reach out to those in need in our greater community.