

Wardens' Report October 2025

Here are some updates on what your wardens have been working on for the last month:

St. George's Merger

Rev. Katherine and the Wardens met with St. George's leadership team: Jane Jacobson, Sr. Warden, Laura Harmon, Jr. Warden, and Sarah Schulte, Clerk. It was a positive exchange in which we began to make plans to welcome St. George's congregants to St. David's early next year. A transition team is being formed led by David Niles and Jane Jacobson. St. David's representatives are David, Jane Sandsmark and Carol Johnson. St. George's leadership team will be a part of the transition team as well. The first meeting of the transition team was Tuesday, October 14. It was a very productive two hour meeting focused on identifying ways to make people from St. George's feel welcome and communication during the transition. The transition team as well as our staff and representatives from Buildings and Grounds, Altar Guild, and the Art Team from St. David's will be visiting St. George's on Tuesday, October 28 for a walkthrough of the building to determine what items are important to St. George's parishioners to bring over to St. David's.

Safety Team

Membership of the Safety Team is close to being finalized. Diane Curley and Mike Sandsmark have agreed to co-chair the team. Cathy has been recruiting members and will assist with launching the team. Mike and Cathy have signed up for an event on Saturday, 10/25 hosted by [Kingswood Security Consultants](#). Rev. Tim Kingsley is employed by this group which focuses on helping churches develop safety practices. Topics to be covered are:

- Legal risks
- Insurance considerations
- Building a safety team
- Applying for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program
- And more practical strategies for prevention

Diane, Mike, and Cathy will meet again at the end of October to plan a kickoff meeting for the team. We are planning to hold the kickoff meeting the week before Thanksgiving.

ICA Lease

Jay Nord, who consults with ECMN on property issues, met with Dan Narr, Cathy, and Building and Grounds for a walkthrough of the ICA building. The purpose

was to determine if the building is sound and what major maintenance projects we should prepare for in the coming years. Jay also engaged a drone to fly over the church and ICA buildings to check on the health of the roofs. Jay will be submitting a report soon with recommendations. He told us that he doesn't see any imminent concerns other than there are windows on the north side of the ICA building that will need to be replaced within a few years. After receiving Jay's report, we will reconvene with ICA to complete negotiating a renewal of their lease. The lease expires at the end of February 2026.

Giving Campaign

Thanks to the Vestry members who submitted their pledges prior to the Giving Campaign Kickoff!

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Schwichtenberg
Jr. Warden