

## **Truro Anglican Church—Regular Vestry Meeting Summary**

### **October 2025**

Jamie Brown opened the meeting at 7:01 pm on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. He began with prayer for God's presence and His care for those on their way to the meeting, or absent.

For the evening's meditation, Jamie taught from Acts 16. Paul returned on mission to Derbe and Lystra in the province of Asia, was guided by the Holy Spirit across the sea to Macedonia, and with Silas and Timothy planted a church in Philippi.

### **Summary**

1. The Vestry moved, seconded, and approved acceptance of the following items:
  - Vestry Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2025.
  - Financial Summary Reports – Sept Finance Committee, TPK, and Trinity Burke.

Jamie and other Vestry members paused to pray in thanksgiving and in supplication.

2. A Conversation Brief was presented by Don Foy on the Proposed 2026 Truro Budget. Don walked through spreadsheets and responded to many questions. Daria Brown and Jamie added comments and explanations. Don concluded the discussion by inviting Vestry members to submit any further questions to himself, Daria, or Marsha Foos in preparation for next month's Vestry decision on the Proposed 2026 Budget.

Jamie and others gave thanks to God for the work of the Finance Office, Director of Operations, and Finance Committee and prayed for wisdom.

3. An Information Brief was presented by Garth Wilson on the Nominating Committee's Schedule for 2025-2026.
4. Outreach Committee – Eric Jensen has begun conversations toward allocation of outreach funds for 2026. The committee needs to formalize new policies and procedures. Jamie reported on the October mission to North Carolina, including repairs to a storm-damaged house and prayer for its troubled owner.
5. Buildings and Grounds (B&G) Committee & TPK Update – Tom Heitman reported that plants are available on request from the thinning out of Truro's gardens. Additional safety team members have been recruited. Men's Ministry will cut bamboo at the Van Dyck House on Saturday, Nov. 1. Since last month, TPK increased its enrollment from 90% to 92%. On Oct. 11, TPK shared a booth with Truro at the City of Fairfax Fall Festival. TPK's Fun Run is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 8.
6. Director of Operations – Daria reported that the Finance Committee approved going forward with erecting a new sign along Main Street after the city reactivated Truro's permit, thanks to liaison by Steve DeThomas. Daria updated the list of possible options for replacing the sanctuary air handler, which represents an engineering challenge and likely major expense. It is still functioning after repair but nearing the end of its useful life.

7. Senior Warden - Nancy Gordon remarked that, sitting in the pews at a recent Sunday service at Truro, she was "overwhelmed" at the number of faces that were new to her but not to God. She invited Vestry members to ask themselves as leaders how they can model hospitality, not only to newcomers but to faithful longtime members, our children, seniors, widows, and singles. She charged the Vestry with a quotation she read recently: "Be the reason someone feels welcomed, loved, heard, seen, and supported."
8. Rector - Jamie reported:
  - Truro hosted a well attended Newcomers Lunch in late September.
  - Jamie's prayer retreat during the second week of October was fruitful. Jamie reported he had prayed for many parishioners in difficult circumstances. He was also thankful for encouraging notes he received from many.
  - A Vestry retreat is scheduled for the morning of Oct. 25 at the Van Dyck House.
  - The annual staff retreat will take place at the Claggett Conference Center in Maryland on Oct. 29-30.
  - A Membership Lunch will be held on Sunday, Nov. 9.

The Vestry entered executive session at 8:37 pm and ended at 9:07 pm.

9. Jamie concluded with prayer for ACNA, DOMA, Truro, and the budget process. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

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