

RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Eighth in a series of articles about St. Martin's Vestry Commissions

Five major categories make up the **Resource and Development** Commission, which is mostly financial in terms of how St. Martin's grows its capacity to fulfill our worship and our service to each other and the wider world. Gary Sandling, who provided this information, and Parker Burden are presently focused on stewardship, but in 2018 will begin to **define and recruit** for the committees outlined below.

Endowment: The goal is to help St. Martin's build a more robust endowment than we have currently (\$21K). This is essentially a savings account for the parish in which only the proceeds from the investment can be spent.

Stewardship: The chief role of the stewardship committee is to plan the parish's annual pledge campaign. This is our single largest source of income (approximately 85%).

Ways & Means: Looks at the policies, procedures and rates for facility use at St. Martin's. More than 90% of our revenue from facility comes from the Co-Op, so the committee's first task will be to see if there are other opportunities and how to achieve them.

Planned Giving: Our goal in 2018 is to establish a clear planned giving process for any parishioner who wishes to make a planned gift (either during his/her lifetime or as part of his or her will) in a manner that ensures they receive the tax benefit and in a manner appropriate for St. Martin's. Parker Burden attended a workshop on this topic and has a good framework for us to utilize.

Co-Op preschool: The resource & development commission was seen as the best one to oversee our agreement with the Co-op so we can best coordinate our mutual interests and needs with them. This committee will be comprised of the Junior Warden, Gary Sandling, and the rector for the time being. They will then determine how to create a working group for it as needed.

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