

Destination 2067

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The church will be needed in the years to come. Think of what we deal with now...tremendous natural disasters, poverty, mass shootings, conflict and division. The next 50 years will bring challenges and turmoil beyond imagining. And where will we be as a church?

As Matthew Harper recently mentioned, we will have to be a place of reconciliation. A place of hope for the bewildered and lonely. St. David's must and will become a candle during the darkest times. We at St. David's thrive now from love, acceptance, diversity and inclusion. We are in a place where we have silent and quiet saints that work behind the scenes to keep our church running and going. This spirit of love and sacrifice will continue.

We are a church filled with the joyful noise of young children and babies crying. Our teens group together for sleep overs, EYC trips, pool parties, and fellowship. Our future is truly our youth. My hope for the next 50 years is that our youth, children and grandchildren will keep the St. David's legacy alive during the darkest times. As they grow and have families of their own, once we are all gone, the foundation we have laid now will keep their faith intact and encourage them to go into the world as Christ's hands and feet.

My prayer for St. David's is that we will keep ideas coming. We need to be a church that understands that times are and will be changing. We must keep tradition alive with the knowledge and acceptance that we must evolve as well. We will not be scared or timid during times of transition. We will shine through this. Unique and current ideas are in us. We will think out of the box and create an environment of innovative Christianity.

In 50 years sitting in church Sunday after Sunday may not be a reality for most of the population. St. David's must become an evangelism "pit-stop" where we refresh and recharge, then take our mission out into the world. We will no longer be satisfied with sitting in our seats on Sundays. We will strive to reach out to our neighbors, friends, the incarcerated, the sick, and the people that are marginalized. Could we imagine taking the church to the people?

I believe that as a parish, we have what it takes to lay a foundation for what is to come. We have the minds, the ideas, hardworking members, and most importantly, the Christian love that will sustain us for years to come. It is up to us to believe in ourselves, bring current ideas to the table and realize that the spirit of evangelism is in us all. We have so much work to do and with loving full hearts, and the holy spirit...no obstacle will keep us down.

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