

Endowment Visits
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Endowment Visitations:

The Endowment Board has developed a plan to make personal visits to members of our congregation. The plan is to visit every one of us who are AARP qualified. The first intent of the visit will be to help fulfill the following responsibility placed upon your clergy by our Book of Common Prayer: *"The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses."* (BCP page 445)

The second purpose of these visits will be to invite those contacted to share their dreams for St. Peter's with the Endowment Board and the Dream Catchers Committee. These dreams will then be drawn together through the dream Catcher process and an initial vision for our endowment will be developed. I emphasize the word initial because as time and generations pass the needs of our congregation will shift. We will want to be certain that the Endowment Committee retains sufficient latitude to develop programs that respond to the current situations in the congregation and in Sitka.

Please don't be surprised when Fr. Dave or a member of the Endowment Committee contacts you to make an appointment for a cup of coffee or tea, and a conversation.

Fr. Dave