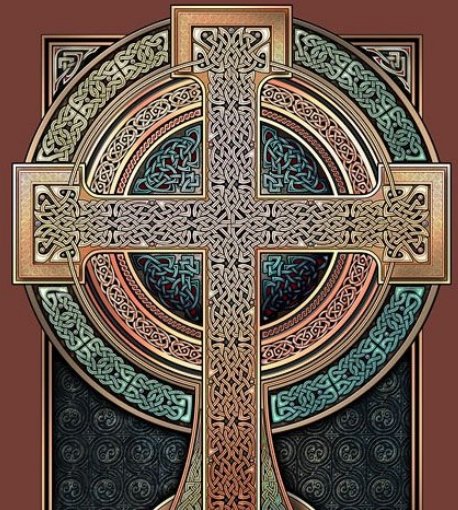


Committee Reflection (February)



Opening Prayer

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

You have called us to be spiritual leaders of your body, this church.

Help us to surrender our hearts and minds to you;

To humbly seek your voice;

To boldly do your will;

To compassionately share your love;

To faithfully be your servants;

And to reverently lead your people

Bless all that we do,

So that we can do what you bless.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Howard Storm, *Lessons Learned*

The choice comes down to choosing God or not. When one chooses God it becomes a passionate pursuit. If you do not feel passionate about the love of God you are far from God and need to make radical changes in your life. God is not pleased by tepid feelings toward our Creator. To receive the love of God and to reciprocate that love is why we are created. There is no indifference in love. My hope is to please God by my intention to love God in everything that I do. The results of my work are secondary to my intentions. I cannot control the response to my love, which may be rejected. We are only responsible to love, according to our ability to love.

Reflection Questions:

- * *What stands out to you in this passage, and what does it say about our calling as Christians?*
- * *What does this passage say to us about the nature of church and church leadership?*