

Results of 2023 Small Group Meetings Held at St. John's Episcopal Church

St. John's Episcopal Church belongs to Central Texas Interfaith (CTI). This organization, made up of churches, labor unions, and non-profits, periodically canvases its members to determine what issues concern them going forward to 2024. The church conducted small group meetings in late 2023 to listen and learn.

We have grouped the responses we heard into three broad categories: 1. Economic health; 2. Physical and mental health; and 3. Congregational and community relationship health.

- I. Economic health
 - A. Maintaining a standard of living on a fixed income.
 - B. Housing affordability as housing prices and rents rise.
 - C. Job training programs to increase people's productivity/incomes.
 - D. Learn estate planning to efficiently transfer wealth between generations.

- II. Physical and mental health
 - A. Continuing mental health challenges
 - B. Access to health care and health of children
 - C. Personal safety.
 - D. Acknowledge and mitigate stress of risks of profiling and arrests soon.

- III. Congregational and community relationship health
 - A. Develop more connections to our community to know who needs help.
 - B. Help individuals access resources that can help them and our community.
 - C. Making church safer for congregants and community use.
 - D. Stress unity in diversity.