

SAMPLE: MINISTRY MINUTES SUMMARY STATEMENTS

RESOURCE 2.47

John Doe: Week 1

Theme: teaching and beauty for all ages

“A thriving congregation like Christ Church has both beautiful corporate worship and spiritual understanding. I love the Catechumenate and SOWhAT classes which form both adults and youth respectively. We take theology and use it to form our lives. That is great work.”

Jane Doe: Week 2

Theme: spiritual nourishment, beauty & music emphasis

“I love the connection to God and community I find at Christ Church. Our worship, music, preaching, conversation, and fellowship nourish my mind, heart, and soul. And we laugh! I am strengthened for learning and growth and service.”

Jason Doe: Week 3

Theme: family formation, children’s formation emphasis

“Christ Church is an essential part of my family’s formation in faith. The preaching and teaching are second to none. My family is engaged in scripture, tradition, and contemporary thought. I’m grateful to have a place like this in which to raise my children.”

Joanne Doe: Week 4

Theme: conversion of life, transformation

“Each parishioner is respected at Christ Church and is invited into a process of the transformation of our lives. The invitation is not to conformity but to the renewal of our minds through study, worship, fellowship, and play. This can begin the day we walk in the door.”

Josie Doe: Week 5

Theme: the value of community in tough times and easy times

“We valued a welcoming and inclusive environment, where we could become a part of a genuine community, and ultimately raise our family in a church we were proud to call home.”

Jeremiah Doe: Week 6

Theme: giving and receiving, a plug for the Martyn Hart Society

“I see the Holy Spirit in our community. People give of themselves and they receive from each other. The community cares about each other, receives from one another, and gives to one another. It is an active thing—a two-way street—not passive. Life in the community of this church is an action verb. There is movement in our giving and it flows.”

Josiah Doe: Week 7

Theme: faith in action, ministry to the poor

“The beauty of the church and its many ministries is a constant reminder to me of the many ways in which people come together to support, encourage, and challenge each other to live and grow in faith as a community.”

Joseph Doe: Week 8

Theme: ministry to the sick

“I had a difficult journey last year because I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I requested prayers from the Christ Church prayer chain. Thanks to prayers from my loving family, my Christ Church family, and many friends across the country, I have been comforted.”