

## Timeline Reflection and Ideas

1. What themes did you notice about "red-letter days" during the Congregational Timeline event? These are events that make members of your community proud. This is the heart of your community.

Trinity Cathedral has enjoyed many "red-letter days" over the years – events we are proud of – and they can be categorized as follows:

- Events that make us proud of our long history, which goes all the way back to 1863.
- Events that make us proud of our history of community ministry, of reaching out into the community and serving those in need.
- Events that make us proud of being an inclusive and welcoming church, one that has consistently welcomed all people, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, age, or national origin.
- Events that make us proud of our long history of seeding and founding other parishes in the region, as well as assisting parishes in need.
- Events that make us proud of our art and music programs.
- Events that make us proud of our beautiful and historic sanctuary building.
- Events that make us proud to be the Cathedral of the Diocese of El Camino Real.

2. What themes did you notice about "blue days" during the Congregational Timeline event? These are events that do NOT make members of your community proud. This is the hurt of your community.

Trinity Cathedral has had a number of "blue days" over the years – events that we are not proud of or happy about in our history – and they include:

- Clergy misconduct scandals in the mid-1980s and early 2000s. These scandals, and the resulting community mistrust of Trinity, included embezzlement of church funds in the 1980s and sexual misconduct in the early 2000s.
- Competition for control of Trinity in the 1990s as the Diocese of California and the Diocese of El Camino Real split from one another.
- The sudden and sometimes sad departures of two choir directors and clergy since the early 2000s.
- COVID-19 and the ongoing challenges of bringing people back to church, especially children.

3. What themes did you notice about "green days" during the Congregational Timeline event? These are events that give your community hope for the future.

Looking forward, Trinity Cathedral has had a good number of "green days" recently – events that give us hope for the future – and they can be categorized as follows:

- Events that make us hopeful about our culture of welcome, our place at God's table for all.
- Events that make us hopeful about our support for, and commitment to, art, music, and liturgy, both in person and online.
- Events that make us hopeful about key personnel, including our clergy and choir director.
- Events that make us hopeful about public facing events and programming, like "Ashes to go," Viva Calle, and our homeless student ministry.
- Events that make us hopeful about our commitment to being a truly bilingual church.
- Events that make us hopeful about our welcoming of children and young adults into our ministries.