



Looking Out My Window, March 25, 2022

Peter Block challenges leaders to these three tasks:
“. . . to shift the context within which people gather, name the debate through powerful questions, and listen rather than advocate, defend, or provide answers.” (*Community: The Structure of Belonging*, p. 73)

The five Lenten Holy Conversations represent my effort to perform those three tasks. We shift the context by gathering people around tables over a light meal. We are posing questions for you to answer and discuss each week. And, the leader (moi) does not offer answers—rather I (and all of us) are listening deeply. We are being surprised and delighted (in very positive ways) about what the Spirit brings to the surface.

What we learn will set our agenda as a parish for my time with you and for the near term of the new rector’s tenure. The results also will inform the search committee as they write the parish profile. I have not come to you with answers. Rather, I have come to you with a process for discussion, listening, and harvesting the results into concrete actions.

These conversations will be the most crucial activity of my time among you. Your attendance and support are essential any shared vision emerging in our community and to a renewed engagement with God’s mission in our area.

Sign up by emailing the church office at office@christchurchvaldosta.org, by downloading the form from the weekly newsletter and emailing it in, or by using the insert in the bulletin next Sunday.

It’s not too late to sign up. We have two Tuesdays left after you receive this. Nursery is being provided and Kerri, our children’s minister will be available to work with your children.

God’s peace,

David

David W. Perkins, Interim Rector