



CREATING A
CULTURE OF
CALLING

St. Paul's Church is part of Vibrant
Faith's Creating a Culture of
Calling (C3) Project.



Callings

are about

Who we are

How we live

And what we give our lives to.

Our callings are the way that we participate
in God's activity in the world today .





God sustains creation through our callings.

Callings are about ALL of life—our family,
church, community, world



And not just what we do in our work life.

Our first calling comes from God.



God calls us into **relationship**




And into a life of discipleship.

Our response to God's calling



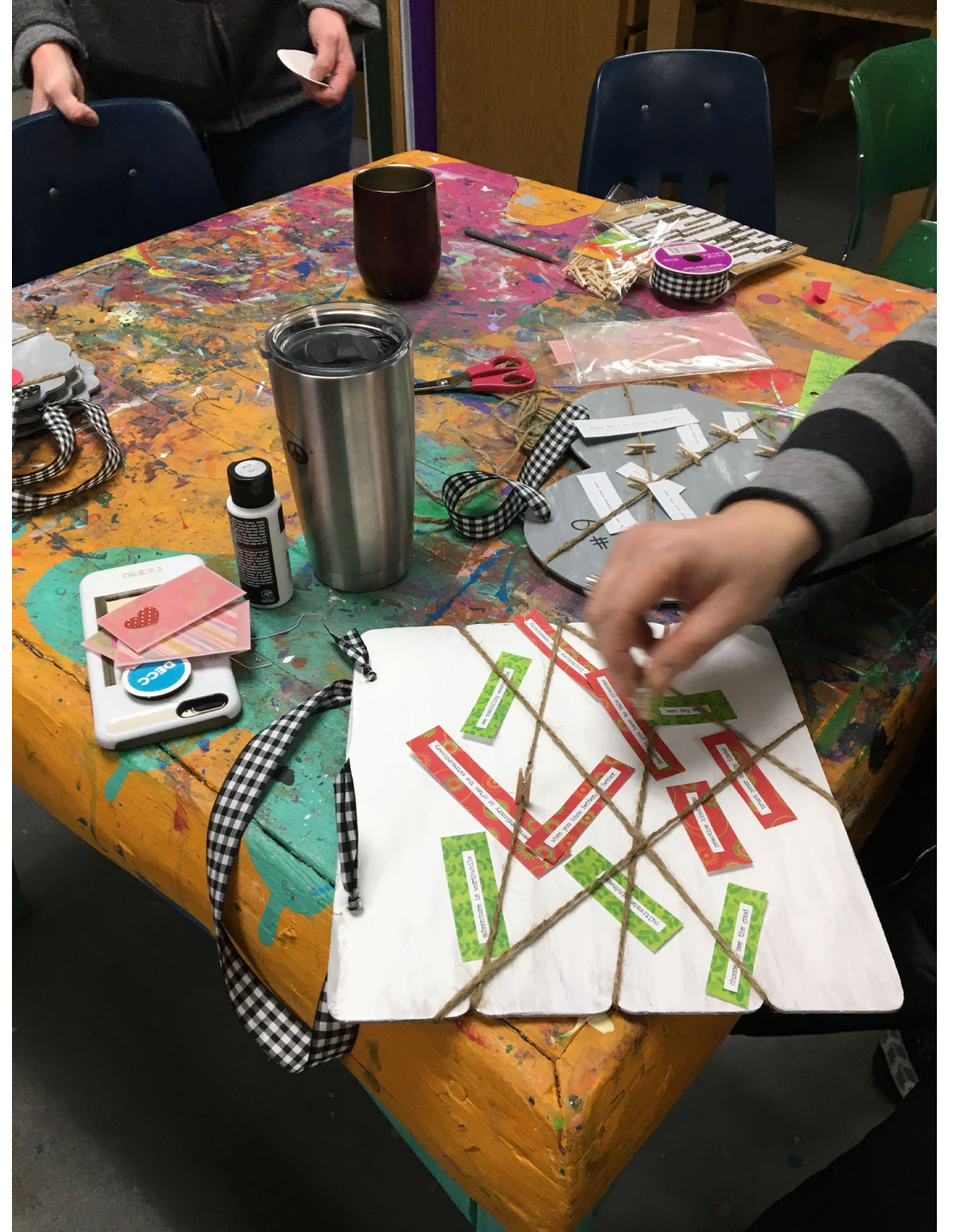
Some people experience their **callings** like an acorn.

A small seed that grows over time.



For others, callings are
like a journey, with stops
along the way.

God does not create
you *with* a calling...
but with the capacity
for *callings*...



Your calling
becomes



Another one of God's creative acts...



...something we create with God and others,
unique to each of our lives.



Followers of Christ are called to relationships, to specific roles, to ways of being, to particular gifts and abilities.

I am called.....as I am.

God calls you
in the
particularities
of YOUR life:

*I can only become
the person I am
called to become
in the context of
my own life.*

Calling is about the WHOLE of your life

So...KEEP PAYING ATTENTION

“God is
continually
calling us to
new life, *from*
our old ways,
from our losses,
from what has
ended, into
new ways,
relationships,
and beginnings”





I am called....for
service

God's call to you
is *for* love of
neighbor, and *for*
service to the
world.

Callings are guided by love—loving
God with all our mind, heart, soul,
and strength, and our neighbor as
ourselves.

You have a
purpose!



I am called....through others

callings are discerned through relationships—
God calls us through each other
and our calling is for each other.



Discernment of our callings needs to
be a regular practice in our churches.



I am called.....**within God.**



God comes to dwell within
us—

And **calls** each of us to
live in GOD.

God is our source and
our destiny.

Callings are all around us...



Living our **callings** transforms you and
me....



and the world.



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