

COMING TOGETHER IN COMMON MISSION

At the end of August, 2010, after several months of prayer and examination by both congregations, two San Antonio Episcopal Churches voted to come together to serve Christ in common mission.

On September 11th, members of St. Michael's Episcopal Church held their final service at their home of 22 years on Culebra Road. The following Sunday morning, this group of faithful followers, joined by supportive members of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, formed a ceremonious caravan to Pedrotti's Northwind Ranch on Hausmann Road, Holy Spirit's temporary worship location, where the rest of the Holy Spirit Congregation waited for their arrival. The Bishop's representative, Canon Kirk Mason, had started the Sunday service and hymns were being sung when the caravan arrived.

To the strains of "How Great Thou Art" the procession entered the building. Led by the Rev. Jason Roberts and members of the Common Mission Team from both churches, the St. Michael's congregation, carrying their banners, filed down the aisle of the "sanctuary" where Holy Spirit had been meeting since last September, after selling their property on UTSA Boulevard. The St. Michael's banners were united with those of Holy Spirit behind the altar and the St. Michael's congregation melded into the welcoming members of Holy Spirit. In what would become a shared historical moment for both churches, the two congregations became one.

"All Together One" would be the goal of both bodies of Christ, and together they will prepare to move on to an already purchased, new sacred space of 10.8 acres on Bandera Road within the next two years.

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