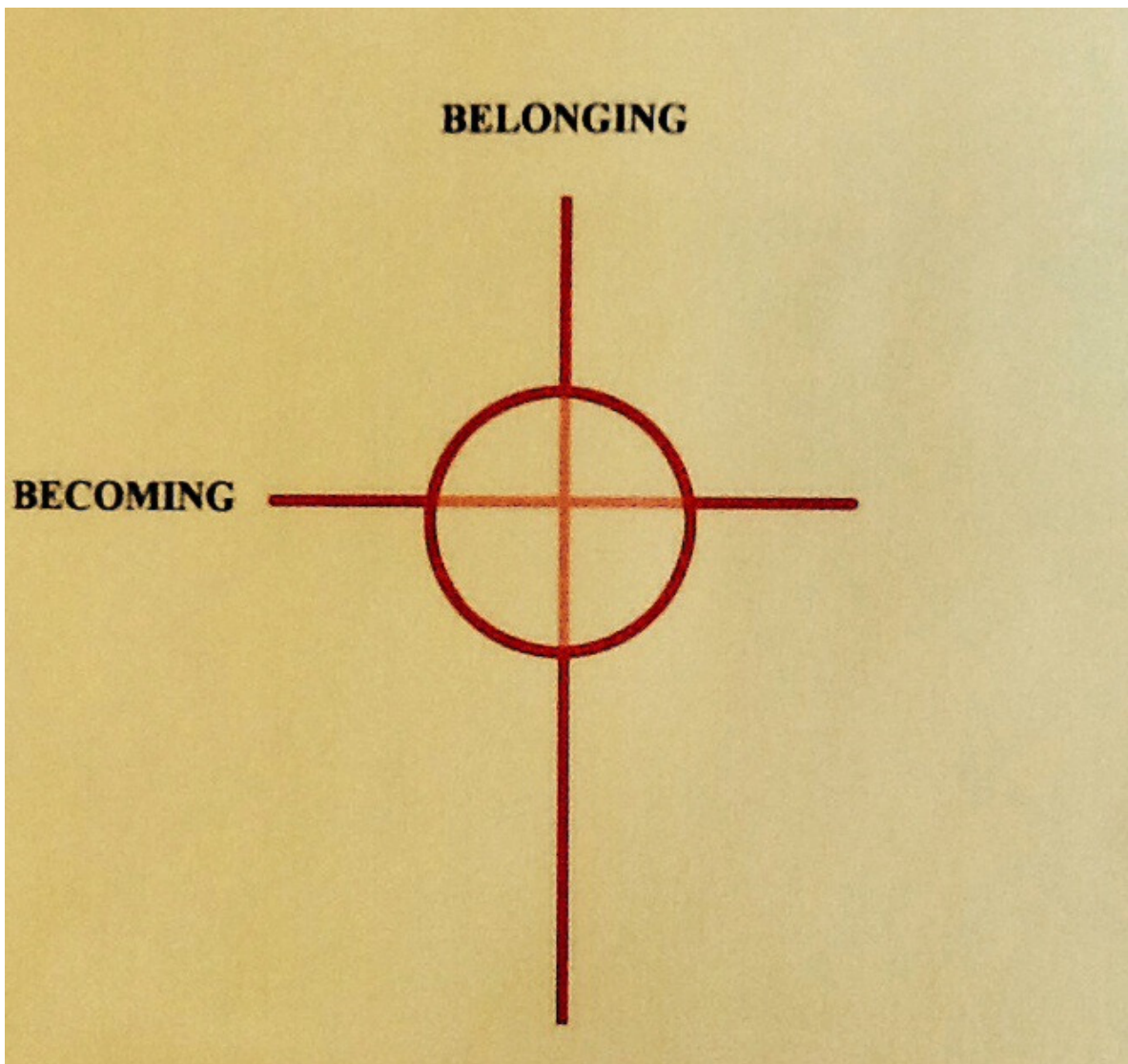


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January 15, 2014

### **Belonging and Becoming**

*Andrew brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said,  
"You are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas  
(which means Peter)".*

*John 1:42*

***Belonging***

Why would you join a local church? You like the pastor or the people? You like the music or the teaching or the programs? These are all very good reasons. They will, however, run their course. The pastor or some of the people may move on.

The programs may no longer meet your needs. The teaching may not seem relevant after a while. So what do you do? Look for another church, stop attending church, or attend the same church less often? Jesus has more in mind than that for you. He invites you to follow Him. He would have you in the local church where you know that your home is with Him. You belong. You know it and you feel it.

### ***Becoming***

You know you have come to the fellowship where you have a home when you start to become who you were created to be. The members build each other up and encourage each other to grow into what Jesus has for them. No one is looked upon as someone who can make a contribution of some kind so that this church will grow. Instead, by seeing each others' success and growth the whole fellowship becomes stronger, more faithful, and able to grow more fully. You begin to sense that you count as one who is significant in the eyes of God and others. That is very different than being recruited to help this group meet its goals.

Take some time to turn towards God right now. He will tell you where you belong and call you by name.

### **Coming Attractions**

***Sunday, January 19, 2014*** worship at 10:00am

***Monday, January 20, 2014*** 1:00pm-3:00pm



The poster features the title "FAIR HOUSING FIVE" in large, white, hand-drawn letters with a blue outline, set against a blue, brush-stroke background. Below the title is a simple drawing of a white house with a purple outline, sitting on a green grassy patch. The text below the drawing reads: "Join Housing Opportunities Made Equal and St. Francis Episcopal Church to celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. through reading and art. We'll read *The Fair Housing Five* and *the Haunted House*, a story about a group of friends who work together to make their neighborhood welcoming to all. Then use your creativity to explore the dreams of Martin Luther King Jr. and the friends in *The Fair Housing Five*." The event details are: "January 20, 2014, 1-3 pm at St. Francis Episcopal Church 1484 Hockett Rd, Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103". There is a small image of a book cover for "Fair Housing Five" and a logo for HOME (Housing Opportunities Made Equal) in the bottom left corner. Contact information is provided at the bottom: "HOME: 804.354.0641 | www.HOMEofVA.org St. Francis Episcopal Church: 804.784.6116 | www.stfrancisva.org".

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***Sunday, January 25, 2014*** worship at 10:00am

***Our Annual Parish Meeting*** will be on February 9, 2014 immediately after the 10:00am worship time and directly before the pot luck supper. There will be a report from the Vicar on life at St. Francis since the last Annual Parish Meeting and our direction for 2014. There will also be elections for vestry and delegates to the next Annual Council.

***Centerville Circle of Prayer***

For Enzo's Italian Chop House, Doug Elliot operator, that all businesses in the

Centerville area would prosper and the kingdom of God would be experienced by all who live in our community.

### ***Metropolitan Richmond***

To overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: To proclaim in word and deed the Beloved Community; to experience the victory of Jesus' resurrection over all personal and institutional results of racism and racial inequality in this metropolitan city.

### ***Diocese of Virginia***

Congregations and clergy of St. Paul's, Millers Tavern; Grace, Millers Tavern; St. George's, Arlington; Trinity, Arlington; Resurrection, Alexandria; and Immanuel-on-the-Hill, Alexandria.

**Grace and Peace,**

**John Maher**

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