

Priorities for the Diocese's next decade



Nurturing Spiritual Journeys

- Support people in their personal spiritual development and open the doors to spiritual seekers who do not identify themselves as Christians.
- Develop a wide and inclusive approach to encounter and know God, including spiritual development through connection with nature, exploring spirituality in other faiths, understanding spirituality in our West Coast context, and developing a deep prayer life.

Supporting Christian Education

- Enhance understanding of the Christian faith and explore what it means to be Christian.
- Develop Christian education opportunities that would bring people together to learn and to grow in community.

Deepening Anglican Understanding

- Learn more about Anglican tradition, theology, worship, practices and how the Canadian Anglican church is structured and funded.
- Help people in their personal faith journey as Anglicans and to understand the questions facing the church today.

Renewing Our Worship

- Make Anglican worship relevant to people of all ages, at all life stages and from diverse communities.
- Create new, more inclusive approaches to worship while maintaining and respecting the Anglican tradition.

Caring for God's Earth

- Address environmental issues.
- Engage in and initiate environmental action.
- Support environmental concerns.

Nurturing the Parish Community

- Nurture the parish community to ensure sustainability.
- Welcome new people, re-engage those who do not attend regularly, and continuing to engage those who are involved in parish life.
- Recognize and support a range of parish models, both large and small, within the diocese.

Building a Community of Parishes

- Build stronger relationship between parishes,
- Build stronger relationship between parishes, the Synod office, and the wider national and international structures.
- Develop the environment of sharing, support, education, partnership and communication throughout the diocese.

Participating in Local Communities

- Parishes, as active participants in the local community, engage in initiatives and partnerships that bring to life the social mission of the church.
- Learn about their communities: the demographics (e.g. cultural, linguistic and age composition); the organizations at work there; and the specific issues, concerns and needs that exist.
- Parishes and Diocese to contribute to community life here and in the wider church.

Cultivating Interfaith Understanding

- Foster interfaith relationships and create opportunities to encourage interfaith dialogue.
- Work toward greater harmony, respect and understanding among different faith groups.

Addressing Issues of Poverty

- Address the issues of poverty, homelessness, and addictions/mental health.
- Act in partnership with other organizations and groups in the community.
- Engage in direct service delivery.
- Increase awareness and understanding of the issues.



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