

**Territory of the People – Profile Task Force
Input Survey**

Please note: you are not limited to the space here for your responses – our recommendation is that you type the responses and remove lines where helpful.

I. Respondent Data

a) Parish: **St. George's, Kamloops**

b) Was this response prepared by Clergy, Laity or both? **The majority of this response has been taken from our recent parish profile prepared as part of our search for a new rector. This was a whole parish endeavour. "In all our comings and goings, we are one with God."**

c) Group or Individual? **An individual is completing this survey on behalf of the parish.**

d) How were indigenous persons involved in preparing this response? **No indigenous persons were involved in preparing this response as none are members of our parish.**

II. Who We Are

a) Our parish mission statement:

St. George's Anglican Church is called to be a Christian Community of compassion and hope; committed to joyfully worshipping and learning about God, growing in vibrant faith and fellowship, and reaching out in Christ's unconditional love to all.

b) How is this statement lived out?

Parish Goals:

- 1) To continue the trend of congregational growth by attracting younger families into our parish.**
- 2) To continue to explore ways to make worship more meaningful and interesting to all age groups.**
- 3) To increase financial stewardship awareness and help the parish to be on a firmer financial footing.**
- 4) To develop adult education in the parish to increase growth of lay leadership.**
- 5. To coordinate and support pastoral care within the parish.**
- 6. To support our rector so that he/she is able to live a balanced life.**

c) Five words that describe our parish are:

Welcoming – Loving – Inclusive – Generous – Involved.

d) The five greatest strengths of our parish are:

Our parish has been without a resident priest for these past fifteen months. That has shown us that all parishioners have stepped up, using their gifts, to do their part in continuing church, whether it be greeting, reading, choosing music, tending the altar, looking after all office business, keeping the church and grounds well maintained, continuing to reach out to the community, etc. Hence, more than five strengths are utilized.

e) The present needs of our parish are:

It would be great if we had more physically-able persons to assist in looking after the parish and sharing in the joy of worshipping. A parish priest would be great.

f) In order to go forward our parish needs:

Our parish needs a rector to engage in the process of building up and someone who recognizes change is necessary.

g) Our new bishop can help us meet the above needs by:

Our new bishop can only accomplish what is humanly possible and that requires at least, a full-time person in the office and others to share the load. A bishop is one that works together with the parishes of the territory and is knowledgeable of the indigenous journey of reconciliation.

III. Global Anglican Marks of Mission:

Respondents may review the Marks of Mission here:

<https://www.anglican.ca/ask/faq/marks-of-mission/>

Our parish addresses the Marks of Mission in these ways:

a) To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom, **we have the following “Outreach”:** weekly “Pennies from Heaven” donations are distributed on a rotating schedule to: **Kamloops Food Bank, ASK (Aids Society Kamloops) Wellness, St. Vincent de Paul, People In Motion, Salvation Army, Y Women’s Shelter.** A once per month (Sept – June) Senior’s Lunch is held, rental space is provided for AA meetings, a Quilter’s Group and a private agency (EPIC) which caters to children with behaviour issues. Gift boxes are distributed to Teen Challenge at Christmas with contributions by parishioners, plus support of a Foster Child in Guatemala.

b) To teach, baptize and nurture new believers, **we support a small Sunday school group and a recent emphasis on having an intergenerational service once per month has been instituted.**

c) To respond to human need by loving service, **we support the Neighbourhood Watch program in the area and use our “Pennies from Heaven” monies to assist those services who are better able to answer that call. Funds (\$2100.00) have also been raised for the Alzheimer’s Society (2018 Walk for Memories) in honour of our previous organist and choir leader and \$800.00 raised for the 2018 Walk for Kidney Foundation in honour of our previous rector.**

d) To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation, **we work closely with Neighbourhood Watch, the RCMP, and City by-law officers, in securing peace and safety for all, as we live in an older area in Kamloops with rampant drug and alcohol abuse.**

e) To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth, **we use washable cups, plates, etc. and utilize the city’s Recycle Bin.**

All weekly bulletins are recycled.

IV. Programs and Ministries

Our programs or ministries that we were not able to categorize in the Marks of Mission:

ACW, Altar Guild, Men’s Breakfast Group, Chalice Bearers, Lay Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Prayer Team, Servers, Prayer Shawl Group, pastoral care taken to Care facilities and Senior’s residences in our area as well as home-communions, etc.

V. Anything Else?

Our parish was built in 1927 and has been renovated and well cared for over these many years. We are a small parish of mostly seniors and are a tight “family Group with a focus on helping each other in our spiritual growth and personal needs.

If, in your opinion, there is something else that a potential candidate for Bishop of The Territory of The People needs to know about your parish that you were not able to express elsewhere in this survey, please use the space below to include it.

Thank you for your contribution to the process of developing the Profile for the Territory of the People to be used for electing a Bishop when the time comes to do so.