

Here is the task force survey from St Michael's. Hope it fulfills your need. Craig Fairley

**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 Michael's Merritt**
- b) Was this response prepared by Clergy, Laity or both? **Both**
- c) Group or Individual? **Group**
- d) How were indigenous persons involved in preparing this response?

None.

II. Who We Are

- a) Our parish mission statement:

St Michael's is a God centered, accepting inclusive church community with a unity of purpose: To improve our commitment to faith and our outreach to the wider community

- b) How is this statement lived out?

Our support of AA and NA groups as well as our support and participation in the soup bowl and Friendship Friday outreach

- c) Five words that describe our parish are:

Welcoming, all inclusive, open minded, non-judgemental, and joyful

- d) The five greatest strengths of our parish are

Rooted in God's love, lay people, strong Deacon, small but dedicated parish, significant community outreach with minimal cost and good community support

- e) The present needs of our parish are:

Pastoral care and spiritual nourishment for our members and the community. WE are comfortable running the parish and also feel good about the direction we are going, but feel the need for nurturing and spiritual guidance that is grounded in theology.

f) In order to go forward our parish needs:

As above along with more training and education for our lay people and Deacon

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

By providing clergy support for above mentioned items

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
Open our doors to all

b) To teach, baptize and nurture new believers, we

We have education courses such as Living the Question that allows discussion on our calling as Christians. Also we are open to all that wish to be baptized and learn about our faith.

c) To respond to human need by loving service, we

Our outreach as mentioned elsewhere in this survey.

d) To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation, we

Our strong support for those who fight against injustice or discrimination of any kind and our support to the marginalized.

e) To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth, we

We have a solid recycle program and all unused food is distributed to those in need, no waste!

IV. Programs and Ministries

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

Continuous efforts of self-education among the parishioners

V. Anything Else?

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.

Although the greater church is important, it would be helpful to have more contact with local churches within the Territory. The church seems to put significant emphasis on national meetings and we wonder about the benefits of these meetings for our Territory

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.