

**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: **Robson Valley Shared Ministry: Valemount Anglican United Church**
- 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? **We have no**

indigenous people in our congregation.

II. Who We Are

- a) Our parish mission statement:

"By our lives of worship and dedication to God, we show the love of Jesus to our church group and to the community around us. We serve God by offering spiritual, emotional, and physical support to those we see in any kind of need. As much as possible we contribute to outreach projects beyond our own community."

- b) How is this statement lived out?

By continuing to hold weekly worship services and community outreach in spite of our diminishing numbers. Through the outreach we do and community involvement. For example, our presence at the Legion services and our Community Harvest Supper. We are an open inclusive welcoming group. We supported bringing a refugee family to Valemount.

- c) Five words that describe our parish are:

Inclusive, welcoming, aging, small, rural

- d) The five greatest strengths of our parish are:

Leadership, caring, forward thinking, resilient, faithful

e) The present needs of our parish are: **Structural repair on church building/sanctuary, increased attendance, younger people involved.**

- f) In order to go forward our parish needs:

A plan for the future - looking at a possible housing project

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

Being aware of our needs and reality.

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

Provide weekly services, eucharist once a month

- b) To teach, baptize and nurture new believers: **There is no interest of late.**

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

Provide the space for community games/luncheon twice a month; pastoral care, congregation members serve Meals on Wheels.

d) To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation, **we lift these issues up in worship through preaching and prayers. We weekly acknowledge the traditional territory of the Simpcw First Nation.**

e) To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth, **we focused on the environment for Advent. Regularly we acknowledge our creation in worship.**

IV. Programs and Ministries

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

To make our facilities accessible to the wider community for a fee.

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.

That we are a two-point (the villages of McBride and VAlemount, BC), two-denomination parish - a shared ministry between the Anglican Church of Canada and the United Church of Canada. Within the last four years we have gone from one full-time clergy position to our present ¼ time ministry position which is filled at this time with a diaconal student appointment. This student, who is a candidate for ordered ministry in the United Church diaconal stream, plans to have her school program completed by April 2020. We are a small and faithful congregation. Our average Sunday attendance in 2018 was 8 people. We continue to “dig deep” and carry on, with God’s help.

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.