

**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 John the Divine , Quesnel**
- b) Was this response prepared by Clergy, Laity or both? **Both**
- c) Group or Individual? **_Both**
- d) How were indigenous persons involved in preparing this response?
None that we are aware

II. Who We Are

- a) Our parish mission statement:

In the Spirit of Faith, Service and Community we strive to love all that God Loves

- b) How is this statement lived out?

Soup kitchen, community dinners, ACW, Lay & Clergy visiting, working. Together towards a common goal, encouraging all to participate in church life, by its interactions in the local community, responsible stewards of home parish & community, weekly bible study, book & video studies, Outreach, Refugee sponsors, community Christmas Dinner, accepting of people differences, love of diversity, N/A groups meet in church hall.

- c) Five words that describe our parish are:

caring, aging, generous, inclusive, community awareness

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

Knowledge of Christianity, Caring clergy , Faithful, helpful, beauty of building, willingness to help, dedicated LMWS, good humour, integrity, openness

- e) The present needs of our parish are:

Financial needs, younger people, modernization, more people, fulltime priest who is engaged with congregation, forward looking, articulate priest, a need to recognize times are changing, an Anglican Church of Canada with a progressive and relevant vision, religious education including world religions. A rewrite of ancient creeds, prayers and hymns.

f) In order to go forward our parish needs:

attract new members, reaching out to those in need, what does not work leave behind, reassess what is worship – building, creeds???, Re introduce Jesus who he was & what he taught, a new way of being church, a way to provide ancient liturgy that speaks to a modern community, community involvement in church events, functions that include a broader demographic, fulltime Priest with a dynamic personality,

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

financially, helping us to be unafraid to move forward, bringing a vision and an open agenda that people can buy in to, accepting change as healthy, making decisions on two parish communities might be better off with one parish, truth & reconciliations, proclaiming what Jesus is all about, teaching, nurturing, being a responsible steward of the here and now, courage to make change, ask tough question, help find a way to attract new people,

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
meeting every Sunday for worship, homilies, singing and fellowships, having a bible study and book studies, meeting the needs of the community
- b) To teach, baptize and nurture new believers, we
weekly bible study, book study, video study, need to be able to attract new believers, encouraging attendance.
- c) To respond to human need by loving service, we
support local charities, support PWRDF, provide space for N/A groups, weekly soup kitchen, clergy and lay visiting, refugee support, support for wider community.
- d) To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation, we
Support PWRDF, non-judgemental, Christian sharing, inclusive, support other faith groups.
- e) To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth, we
responsible stewardship, support for wider community in environmental causes, high efficiency furnaces, actively clearing out of clutter around the church, LED lightening, support for environmental causes.

IV. Programs and Ministries

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

Our parish is aging adding the difficulty in keeping up the maintenance and looking after the church. The parish is getting smaller adding to the limitations in the day to day operation of the parish.

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.

A potential bishop will have to understand the needs of the Territory to survive going forward.

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.