

## TOTP Input Survey

McBride Anglican United Church, part of Robson Valley Shared Ministry

April 2019

### I. Respondent Data:

- a) Parish: McBride Anglican United Church
- b) This response was completed by laity and clergy at a Congregational meeting
- c) Group
- d) No Indigenous people were involved in this data gathering

### II. Who We Are:

- a) Our parish mission statement: As a visible presence of Christ, representing the Anglican and United Churches, we are a welcoming and accepting faith community, sharing worship, work, and education in a caring manner with all.
- b) How is this statement lived out: By being a visible presence ie. Worship in our church building and outreach in the Thrift Store in our church hall, involvement in the ecumenical community (eg. Part of the Pastoral Care Committee monthly hospital service, World Day of Prayer service), supporting youth through our youth group, Youth Quest.
- c) Five words that describe our parish are: shared ministry, welcoming, few members, aging, faithful.
- d) The five greatest strengths of our parish are: outreach, faithfulness, perseverance, lay leadership.
- e) The present needs of our parish are: financial concern, concern for our aging and declining membership (average 8 per Sunday worship in 2018), the ability to carry on and even grow.
- f) In order to go forward our parish needs: to remember that God is in charge, and we need to accept our situation as it is and find ways to continue.
- g) Our new bishop can help us meet the above needs by: supporting ecumenical shared ministry and laity, be mindful of how we function and help us to find ways to support concerns named.

### III. Global Anglican Marks of Mission:

Our parish addresses the Marks of Mission in these ways:

- a) To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom, we: hold weekly Sunday worship services, participate in ecumenical services and events in the community and local hospital, faithfully keeping our doors open and engaging in outreach projects.
- b) To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers, we: are open, inclusive, and welcoming. We hold weekly youth group where seeds of faith are planted. The last person baptized in our church was 3 years ago, she was a young adult who attended our youth group for a number of years (her family did not attend church or practise faith). We do not have a strong faith formation program.
- c) To respond to human need by loving service, we: do pastoral care visits at homes and in the hospital, provide clothing for those in need from our Thrift store, have an Advent winter socks, mitts and hat collection that is donated to shelter in the city, , support the Community Christmas Day dinner, support Texas 4000 - young adults bike riding 4000 miles for cancer victims, knit dolls for Leprosy Fund, clothing to inner-city schools from Thrift Store, baking donated to lower income members of the community.
- d) To seek to transform unjust structures of society . . . pursue peace and reconciliation, we: acknowledge the Indigenous traditional territory we meet on at weekly worship services, through education via preaching, through prayer, and regularly donate to UC Mission and Service and Anglican PWRDF and Anglican Appeal funds.
- e) To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation.... the earth, we: have invested in upgrades to our buildings to be more “green” (ie. new windows, new insulation, new siding with an insulation value), we have an awareness around using biodegradable disposable plates, etc when possible or not at all.

### IV. Programs and Ministries – any other? n/a

V. Anything else? We are a two-point charge, the points being McBride and Valemout which are 90 km apart. We are also a two denomination shared ministry, Anglican and United Churches of Canada, for approx..

33 years. We have worked to maintain Anglican and United tradition rather than blending our traditions. This can be helpful some of the time and also unhelpful. We generally agree that we are Christians first and our denominational concerns come second.