

Territory of the People – Profile Task Force: Input Survey

I. Respondent Data

- a) Parish: **Grace Anglican Church, Prince George**
- b) Was this response prepared by Clergy, Laity or both? **Both**
- c) Group or Individual? **Group and Individual – 33 people in total**
- d) How were indigenous persons involved in preparing this response? **None**

II. Who We Are

- a) Our parish mission statement:

To be a loving and joyful community, witnessing and ministering to others by growing in the faith of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

- b) How is this statement lived out?

engaging those who visit without overpowering, visit Seniors Care Facilities, lots of social activity,	open worship / book & bible studies, engaging in the city through outreach,	all are welcome coffee time, volunteer involvement in the charities we support,
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- c) Five words that describe our parish are:

**Family,
Generous,
Hospitable,
Seekers,
Diverse,**

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

**Strong Leadership – clergy and lay persons
Inclusiveness,
Theological Diversity,
Stewardship of buildings & grounds,
Commitment to Outreach,**

- e) The present needs of our parish are:

**Fixing the kitchen – enlarge, relocate, update,
An elevator to provide universal access,
Examine the deployment of our wealth – i.e. investment vs outreach,
Investigate ways for young families to become involved**

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f) In order to go forward our parish needs:

Full-time clergy & staff,

More visibility / profile,

Younger families,

Nights: movie, cribbage, mystery,

Greater outreach to LGBTQ,

Encourage youth to attend (youth group),

Expand outreach,

Advertise more community events for everyone,

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

Having a vision – while open to parish priorities,

Visiting the parish – frequently and regularly,

Being theologically faithful to the Anglican Church of Canada,

Providing greater support for congregations in isolation.

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

Actively engage in outreach:

- **Soup Bus,**
- **New Hope Society,**
- **Shephard's Corner,**
- **AimHi,**
- **Salvation Army Food Bank,**
- **UNBC chaplaincy,**
- **Future Plan: community chalk board/lending library**

Provide rental space to diverse cultural groups,

Spiritual Life:

- **garden,**
- **meditation,**
- **prayer,**
- **labyrinth,**
- **regular Sun/Wed worship,**
- **Blessing of the animals,**
- **bible / book studies,**
- **Seniors Care Facilities**

Welcome all comers to our space – worship and programs,

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

Book / Bible studies,

Sunday & midweek Eucharist,

New-comers Lunch,

Sunday School always available,

Welcome newcomers and include in worship

peace time,

Social activities,

Clergy visits

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

Outreach by volunteering &/or donating:

- **Soup Bus,**
- **Food Bank,**
- **Shepherd's Corner,**
- **New Hope Society,**
- **AiMHi,**
- **PWRDF,**

Seniors Care Facilities – monthly worship leadership,

Prayer shawl ministry – together with St. Michael's,

Active roster of Lay Ministers,

Active Pastoral Care team,

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

pray, speak out,

send letters,

attend vigil, PWRDF, PLURA,

World day of Prayer,

include all in leadership roles, acceptance,

active participation,

**supported a refugee family, inclusion of
LGBTQ community,**

gifts of mission at Christmas,

individual participation in vigils,

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

recycle,

maintain an organic & public garden,

examine green options,

donation bins,

carpool as requested

use a screen & projector instead of paper,

consumer awareness,

avoid single-use items,

are fiscally cautious

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IV. Programs and Ministries

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

Men's breakfast,

Ladies Brunch,

Film Festival,

Hidden Host Lunches,

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner,

joint services and events with other parish /

denominations / faiths,

Music School Recitals,

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.

Needs a clearer connection to the wider

Anglican Church,

Non-judgmental,

Strong core,

We don't push things on people,

Our history with St. Michael's,

Allow everyone to walk their journey and

encourage another step,

Enjoy the people,

Not afraid to modernize,

The building itself: stained glass & intimacy of

smaller space,