

## Welcome: Mission Priority 4

Over the last year we have worked together to determine where God is next calling us. To that end, let us look at this proposed Mission Priority.

### Prayer for this time of Discernment

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless all our clergy and people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Fourth Mission Priority

In this time, we have discerned that God's Holy Spirit is leading us to:

- **advocate for justice and peace for all of God's children, working together to remove obstacles that prevent some from accessing resources available to others while building bridges and working for reconciliation and healing between those who have for too long been separated from one another**

Remembering that the below possible implementations steps are NOT all inclusive, nor are they necessarily required to support this fourth mission priority; so, focusing mostly on the mission priority statement please consider:

-In what ways does this mission priority capture your imagination?

-What questions or concerns are raised for you regarding this mission priority?

-What suggestions do you have for how this mission priority could be better stated?

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We will do this in a variety of ways, perhaps including but not limited to ...

- ❖ attention to social justice for African Americans, Hispanics, and all people

- ❖ expand offerings of any programs or ministries that help to build bridges across major divides of race, immigration, refugee settlement, or access to resources such as education, healthcare, and internet
- ❖ stand up against systemic racism and abuse
- ❖ dismantle racism in our diocese, calling out institutions and persons of power who promote racism
- ❖ continued support of the Farmworker ministry, perhaps in new and expanded forms to engage new populations
- ❖ understand Creation Care as a ministry of justice
- ❖ work together to take on challenges that are too big for any one of us
- ❖ promote opportunities that allow us to come together despite our differences
- ❖ serve as “ambassadors of Christ” (2 Cor. 5:20) and commit to working at reconciliation

## **Video Five – Fourth Mission Priority**

## **Conclusion**

Thank you for taking time to help in this discernment process. Please send all feedback to: [missionpriorities@diocese-eastcarolina.org](mailto:missionpriorities@diocese-eastcarolina.org)