

Welcome – Intro

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.

Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina

We are children of God, called to follow Jesus
and to continue in the ways of The Episcopal Church.
God blesses us in the beauty and bounty of the land where we live
and through the diversity of the people with whom we share life.
As Church, we are called to be good stewards of all of God's gifts,
and to use them to restore all people to unity with God and each other in
Christ.

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

- support each of our worshiping communities to identify and equip lay and clergy leadership who will engage them in more fully living into the promises of our Baptismal Covenant
- develop and host collaborative opportunities for life-long formation for faith and ministry for all the baptized, to be offered in person and online across the diocese

- encourage every congregation to strengthen or build local networks with ecumenical, interfaith, and other community partners for the purpose of serving the needs of the most vulnerable in their midst
- 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

Video One – Introduction