

Welcome: Mission Priority 2

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.

Second Mission Priority

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

- **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**

Remembering that the below possible implementations steps are NOT all inclusive, nor are they necessarily required to support this second 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?

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

- ❖ equip congregations with resources that better support members to express faith as Christians & Episcopalians
- ❖ leverage and build on communications systems established during pandemic
- ❖ share faith formation experiences between congregations and across diocese, strengthening capacity of congregations with fewer resources
- ❖ offer “hybrid” experiences, with some sessions online and some in person
- ❖ use Trinity Center as a base for in person sessions
- ❖ ensure that School for Ministry includes formation for lay ministry as well as for ordained ministries
- ❖ offer online &/or video training for licensed worship ministries
- ❖ offer formation opportunities in areas like creation care, welcoming, church growth, mental health, etc.
- ❖ empower lay leadership
- ❖ engage people of all ages

Video Three – Second Mission Priority

Conclusion

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