

Welcome: Mission Priority 3

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.

Third Mission Priority

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

- **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**

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

- ❖ a Diocesan wide strategy, with resources to support local initiatives
- ❖ encourage local determination of opportunities for service
- ❖ build functional networks that will last
- ❖ leverage all our resources including buildings and property
- ❖ look to meet community needs that have been more fully revealed during pandemic
- ❖ empower lay leadership to organize and implement this work locally
- ❖ enable mission by connecting communities and individuals for mutual support
- ❖ focused disaster relief and recovery work

Video Four – Third Mission Priority

Conclusion

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