Mission, Vision, Values

Mission

Inspired by God, we are Christ's people in Bermuda and NS, loving each other, following Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Vision

To become a transformed, courageous, Spirit-filled community, risking discipleship based on the radical love of Jesus.

Core Values

Connecting and strengthening communities of faith by:

- Living into expansive belonging
- Growing compassionate leadership
- Nurturing creative ways of Christian vitality
 - Uniting by effective communication
 - Sharing and living the Good News
 - Modelling Christ's humility and justice
 - Moving forward in hope and generosity

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PURPOSE

To support congregations and ministries in deep discipleship, clear mission, and courageous leadership so that they may develop sustainable ministries.

Pillar 1: Discipleship

Objective:

Promote the importance of discipleship as core to the strengthening, vitality and sustainability of Christian community

Actions

- Promote a culture of spiritual learning in our communities of faith
- Offer programming that invites members to deepen their connection to God, their local community of faith and mission

Pillar 2: Mission

Objective: Engage communities of faith in defining their part in God's mission.

<u>Actions</u>

- Create or Share educational materials and present seminars that help communities of faith define and live their mission.
- Assess and resource communities of faith's organizational health based on best practices and help provide the tools for their next steps
- Inventory examples of imaginative cooperative possibilities or renewal.
- Research, review and analyze what viable opportunities may exist for creating mission and spirit filled communities, eg. church planting, alternative ministry focus
- Establish a hospice team equipped with the skillset to accompany dying/grieving communities of faith thru a process of closure.

Pillar 3: Leadership

Objective: Develop curious, faithful, brave leaders

Actions

- Offer leadership training for ministry personnel and laity
- Create a template for faith communities' leadership succession that encourages them to reflect on their future needs and professional and lay skill development
- Explore and research new models of ministries in other jurisdictions and denominations and share with communities of faith.
- Explore and share new models of congregational governance to ensure they are serving communities of faith in achieving their mission
- Create leadership cohorts focused on organizational excellence and leadership development