



# Anglican Province of the South

## MISSION WORKSHEET

This 'Mission Worksheet' is provided as part of the *Provincial Mission Conference* on Saturday, 17 November 2012 in Nashville, Tennessee. There are no right or wrong answers. This is simply a tool for the Archbishop in determining the current ministry focus of the individual ministries of the Province. If you are planning to attend this conference, please print and complete the form, bringing it with you to the Conference. If you are unable to attend the Conference, please complete the form and return it to Abp. Jack Stafford by email ([Jack@JackStafford.net](mailto:Jack@JackStafford.net)) at your earliest convenience.

### FIVE MARKS OF MISSION

*The Five Marks of Mission were developed by the Anglican Consultative Council in 1984 and affirmed by Archbishops of the Anglican Communion at the Lambeth Conferences in 1988 and 1998. The Church of England's General Synod adopted them in 1996 and Churches of other denominations have also adopted them, including the Anglican Province of the South.*

*The Five Marks of Mission enable Christians of different countries and cultures, dioceses and traditions to have a common focus as they share in God's mission in the world.*

**The Mission of the Church is the Mission of Christ:**

#### 1. To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom

Proclamation may be in words - effective communication of the Gospel - but also in actions, by living the Good News we preach.

*What are ways your ministry can actively attempt to realize this Mark of Mission?*

*How can we preach by action instead of words?*

#### 2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers

Christian discipleship is about lifelong learning, so we all need formal and informal resources for growing in faith, so that the Church is a learning environment for all ages.

*What are ways your ministry can actively attempt to realize this Mark of Mission?*

*How is 'baptism' more than getting people wet? How does 'baptism' also involve creating a sense of community?*

### **3. To respond to human need by loving service**

Churches have a long tradition of care through pastoral ministry. Christians are called to respond to the needs of people locally and in the wider human community.

*What are ways your ministry can actively attempt to realize this Mark of Mission?*

*How does the phrase 'think globally-act locally' apply to your ministry?*

### **4. To seek to transform unjust structures in society**

Jesus and the Old Testament prophets before him challenged oppressive structures in God's name. Christians should not only press for change, but also demonstrate justice within Church structures.

*What are ways your ministry can actively attempt to realize this Mark of Mission?*

*We are all familiar with social justice causes and issues. What ways can you demonstrate justice within your ministry's structure? And within our Provincial structure?*

**5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth**

The Biblical vision of salvation is universal in its scope. We are called to promote the well being of the human community and its environment, so that Creation may live in harmony.

*What are ways your ministry can actively attempt to realize this Mark of Mission?*

*What is included in the term 'creation'?*

*How is peacemaking part of this Mark of Mission?*

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