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A Vision for *Mission*

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God's Vision for *Mission*

- He has told you, O man what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)
- He (God) executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. (Deut. 10:18-19)
- But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (James 1:22)



Mandate for *Mission*

- As individuals, churches and diocese, we are intentionally and actively engaging in our communities, nations and world, focused on showing and sharing the love of God and fulfilling the Great Commission.

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How do *Mission*?

- This is about caring for widows and orphans

James 1:27

- This is caring for immigrants and refugees (sojourners)

Psalms 146:9

- This is about doing justice and guarding the oppressed

Prov. 2:8

- This is about caring for the poor

Deut. 15:7

- This is about caring for those overseas

Acts /Nehemiah



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The role of the Committee

- Be a catalyst and resource for churches to develop a comprehensive *Mission* programme
- Help develop passion for *Mission* at the parish level through education and events
- Work closely with parish leadership to create a *Mission* culture
- Encourage parishes to set aside a portion of their budget for *Mission*
- Encourage parishes to establish a *Missions* committee or appoint a *Missions* co-ordinator



The role of the Committee

- Engage with our the current ANiC *Mission* partners
 - Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada (ARDFC)
 - Christian Mission to Jews Canada (CMJ)
 - Anglican Multicultural Mission in Canada (AMMiC)
 - Mission to Cuba (led by Bishop Dorrington)
- Engage with overseas Anglican Provinces and Dioceses
 - Encourage active participation in all aspects of GAFCON and GFCA
 - Host visiting Primates and Bishops
 - Encourage parishes to partner with overseas dioceses and parishes



The role of the Committee

- Engage with churches in the Anglican Dioceses of the Yukon and Arctic
- Other initiatives....
 - Support and work in local food banks, soup kitchens
 - Support other overseas missionaries and mission societies
 - Support justice in 3rd world countries.



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Next Steps

- Round table discussions for each parish on how this might work in a church (today)
- Committee with 3 – 4 members to be established
- Page on website
- Consolidate resources
- Visibility at Synod and ANiC events
- Mission Conference?

