

Questions for individual feedback, small group or vestry discussion.

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1. How do you think your parish gives life to the Mission Statement: “*Proclaiming the Gospel, Making Disciples, Furthering the Kingdom*”

2. In your parish are your numbers remaining stable, declining, growing?
What do you think the reasons might be for this?
What are the demographics for your community telling you?

3. What was the last thing your parish took great joy in? How did you celebrate?

4. How can we be a welcoming ‘human’ church that adores the Divine. Could we begin by thinking about these things:^[7]
 - The art of welcoming the stranger
 - To actively be a place where people sit together, and where the first six pews are not empty because everyone sits at the back
 - Where we recognize the importance of rites of passage so that our daily lives and our faith are woven more strongly together
 - Where we have ‘after-service’ care
 - Where we recognize the needs of people
 - Where there is a sense of wonder and awe in the divine to be adored.

5. Would your parish be willing to be a prayer partner with a Council of the North parish?
Do you need any help in identifying a parish?

6. Is there a particular scripture passage by which you try to live?

7. Can you subscribe to these three statements and take them into the world?
I have a faith by which I live
I am part of a community of faith
I am proud of my community of faith and believe that you could benefit from being part of it.^[8]

8. Do you think you could bring someone to Christ over the next 5 years? What resources, equipping or support might you need to help reach this goal?

^[7] P37 Mission-shaped Parish: Traditional church in a changing context. Bayes, P., Sledge, T., Church House Publishing, 2006

^[8] page 133 ‘Reclaiming the Great Commission’

