

FIVE MARKS OF MISSION

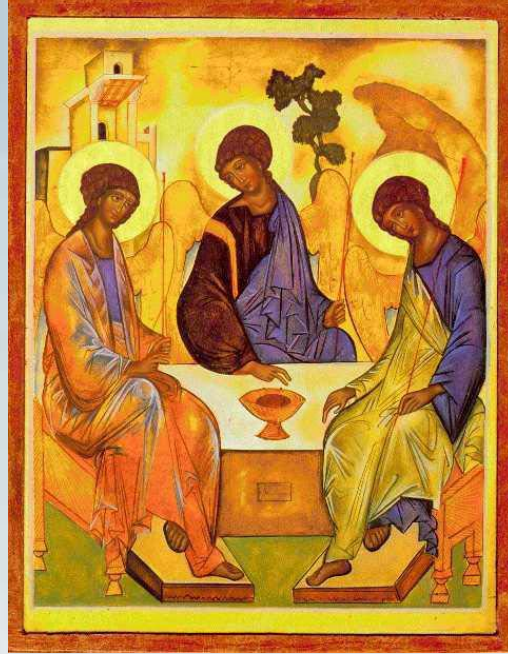
- 1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom**
- 2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers**
- 3. To respond to human need by loving service**
- 4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society**
- 5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth**

These Five Marks of Mission were first set out in Bonds of Affection - 1984 ACC-6 p49 and later in Mission in a Broken World - 1990 ACC-8 p101

It is the intention of the Anglican Church of Canada to adopt the 5 Marks of Mission during General Synod 2010 as identifiable features of our life as a church

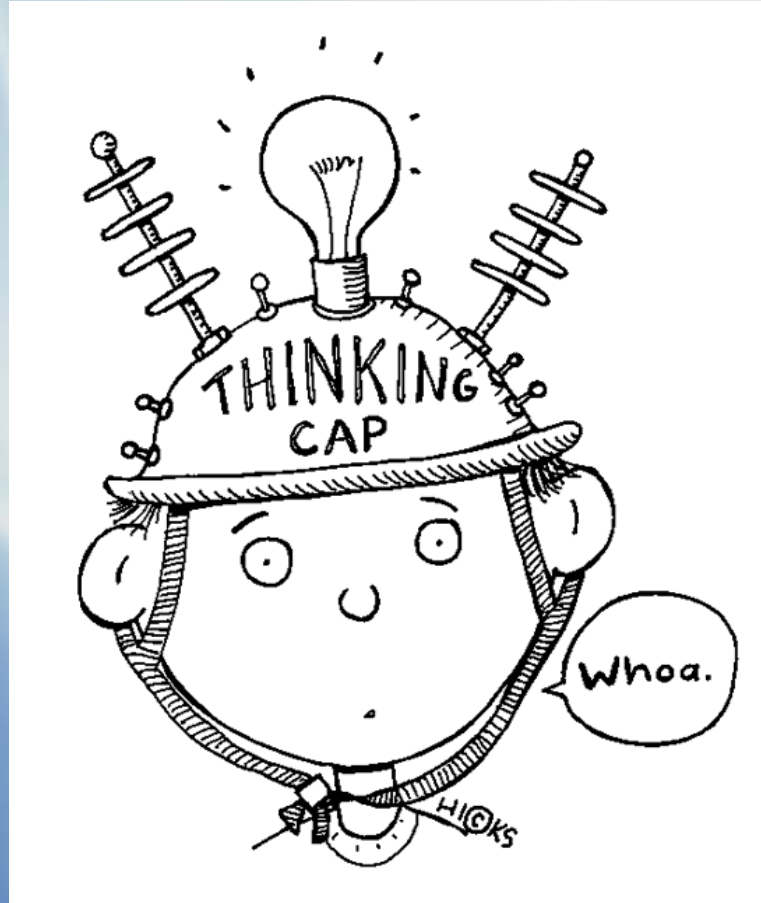
The Five Marks stress the doing of mission. Faithful action is the measure of our response to Christ (Matt. 25:31-46; James 2:14-26). However, the challenge facing us is not just to do mission but to be a people of mission.

What Is Mission?

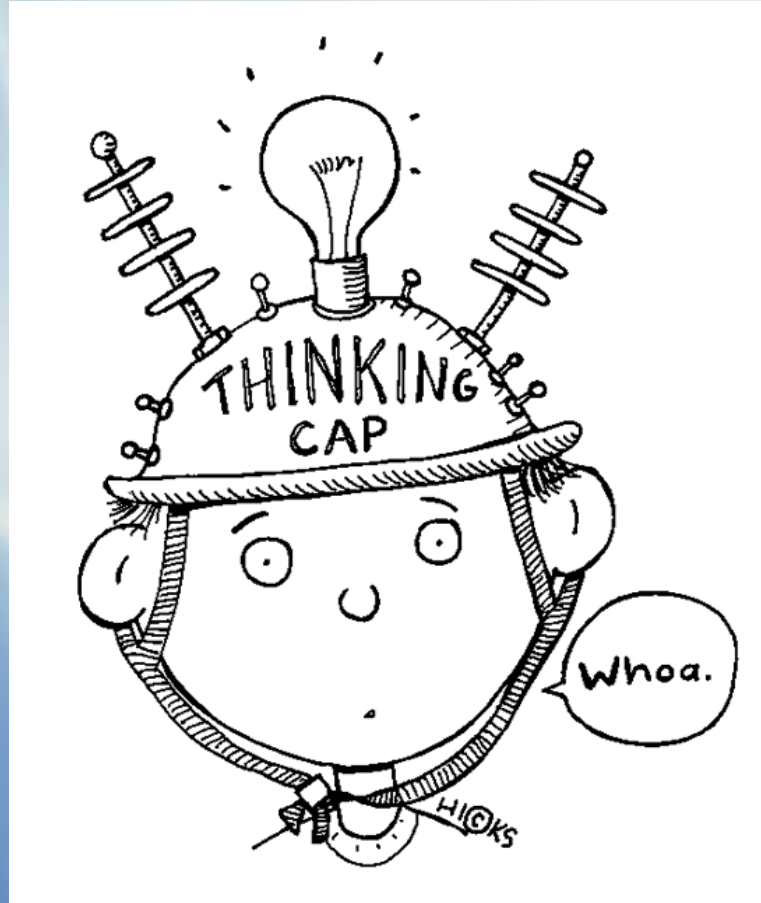


Mission is the creating, reconciling and transforming action of God, flowing from the community of love found in the Trinity, made known to all humanity in the person of Jesus, and entrusted to the faithful action and witness of the people of God who, in the power of the Spirit, are a sign, foretaste and instrument of the reign of God.

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A Missionary Church Is...

A missionary church is focused on God the Trinity

Worship lies at the heart of a missionary church, and to love and know God as Father, Son and Spirit is its chief inspiration and primary purpose...

A missionary church is incarnational

It seeks to shape itself in relation to the culture in which it is located or to which it is called...

A missionary church is transformational

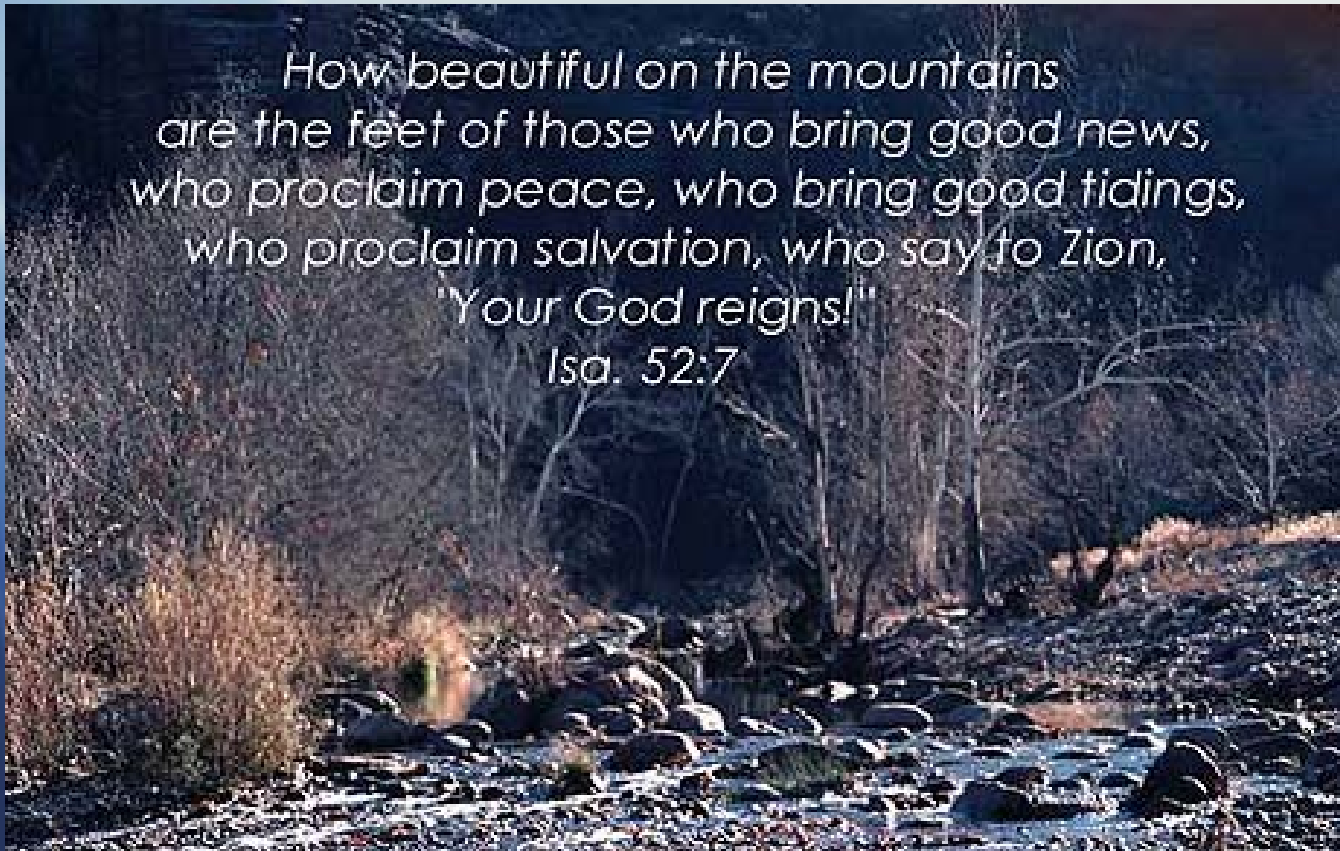
It exists for the transformation of the community that it serves, through the power of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit...

**A missionary church makes disciples
*It is active in calling people to faith in
Jesus Christ...it is concerned for the
transformation of individuals, as well
as for the transformation of
communities.***

**A missionary church is relational
*It is characterized by welcome and
hospitality. Its ethos and style are open
to change when new members join.***

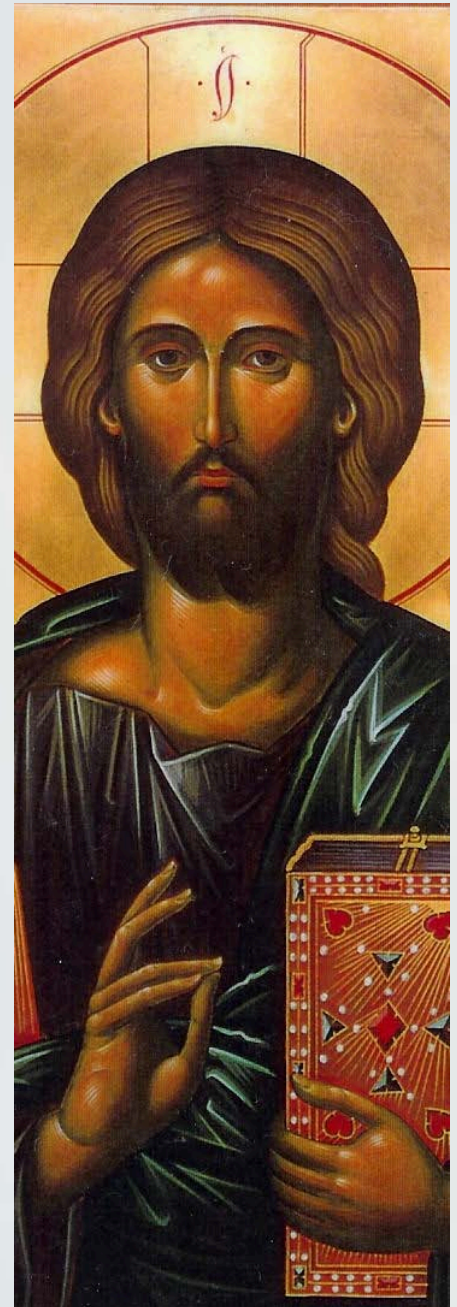
To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion,
"Your God reigns!"
Isa. 52:7



The first mark of mission is really a summary of what *all* mission is about, because it is based on Jesus' own summary of his mission (Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:14-15, Luke 4:18, Luke 7:22; John 3:14-17).

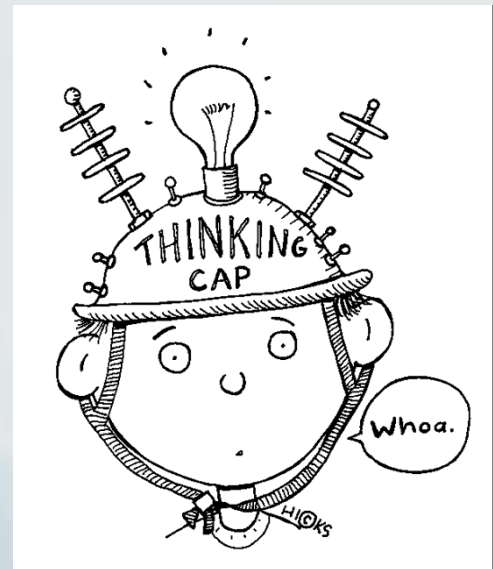
Although it is the first of five distinct activities, this is really the key statement about *everything* we do in mission.



For us here in the diocese of Edmonton this task of proclamation is one of our key goals.

What does this mean for us personally, in our parish life and in our diocesan life together?

How do we proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom?



To teach, baptise and nurture
new believers



Baptism

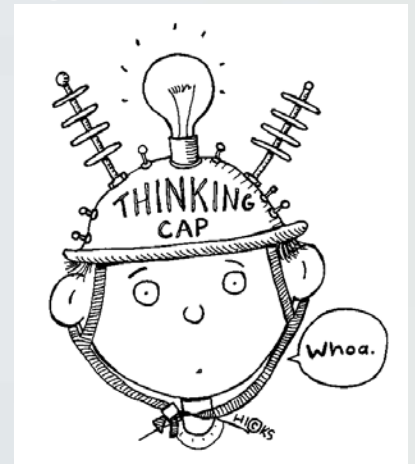


Baptism is the universally accepted way in which children and adults are welcomed into the church, giving public witness to the goodness of God's working in our lives and our commitment to living in obedience to God.

**How do we equip disciples to
teach, baptise and nurture new
believers?**

**What are the signs that this is
happening?**

What could we do better?



**To respond to human need by
loving service**



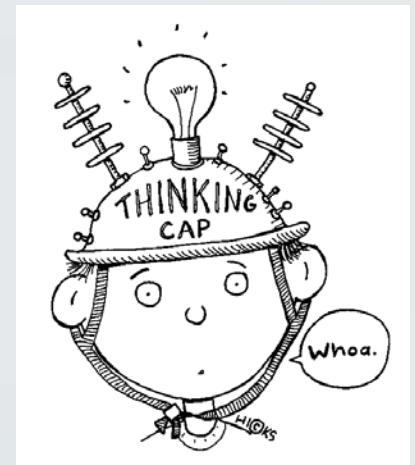
In a hurting world, where many are denied even the basic dignities of life, it is our duty that as Christians we should follow the example of Jesus as we seek to heal the sick, care for the refugee, provide work for the unemployed and visit those in prison.

Jesus once said that the care we offer to even the smallest child or the weakest old person is received as if it were offered to God.

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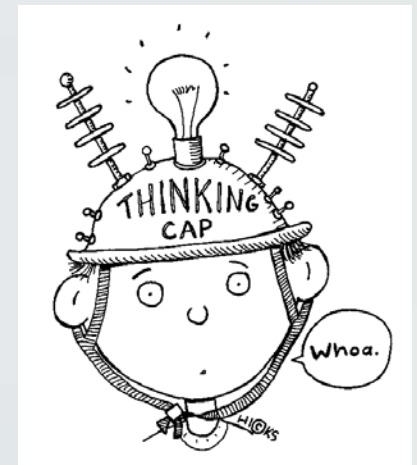
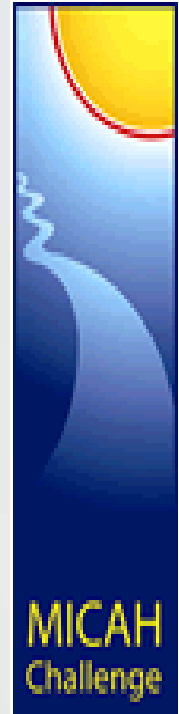
Human communities, whether they be a family, a church, a city or an international trading community, are full of imperfections. In fact sometimes they are downright unjust, or to use a Biblical word, sinful.



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**To strive to safeguard the
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**Our planet is in trouble.
We did a lot of the damage.**

Christians believe not only that God created our environment and called it 'good', but also that it is God's intention to redeem all creation and that we are stewards of this creation.

How do we strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth?

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