



ANGLICAN EAST NL

# *Set Sail*

CHARTING THE COURSE FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH



# Agenda

1. Introduction to Set Sail
2. Questions and Discussion
3. What Next?



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# What is Set Sail?

- A Strategic Plan which helps focus our Diocese on four important areas in our common life and shared ministry as God's Family.
- These are called the Four Ships:
  - Deepening Relationships
  - Transforming Discipleship
  - Renewing Stewardship
  - Engaging Partnerships



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# 1<sup>st</sup> Ship - Deepening Relationships



- Everything begins with God
- Looking at our own relationship with God through the Baptismal Covenant on a regular basis
- Invited to personally deepen our Christian Faith
- Looking at our relationship with our Neighbour:
  - Those already part of the church
  - Those searching for connection
  - Those that have been excluded

# Deepening Relationships - 1<sup>st</sup> Goal



## Goal 1:

To invite every baptized person to renew their own personal faith through regular examination of the Baptismal Covenant.

# Deepening Relationships - 2<sup>nd</sup> Goal



## Goal 2:

To further develop our congregations as inclusive, supportive, and non-judgemental communities of faith as we continue to seek and serve Christ in all persons: those already identifying as part of our faith communities; those looking for connections with our faith communities; those against whom wrongs have been done in the name of our faith communities; and the broader community outside of our faith entirely.



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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Ship – Transforming Discipleship



- Our Relationship with God and Neighbour is lived out through our Discipleship
- Everyone is called to be a Disciple
  - Seeking
  - Learning
  - Living
- Discipleship Formation
- Discipleship Education
- Discipleship Participation
- Discipleship Invitation

# Transforming Discipleship- 3<sup>rd</sup> Goal



## Goal 3:

**To enable every baptized person to explore and express their faith by entering and entering again into the fullness of their discipleship of Jesus, and lead others to do the same.**



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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Ship – Renewing Stewardship



- Stewardship of God's Resources
  - "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."
- Time – How we spend our days?
- Talent – How we share our gifts?
- Treasure – How we use our money?
- Tend – How we care for Creation?
- Renew our understanding that all things belong to God.

# Renewing Stewardship – 4<sup>th</sup> Goal



## Goal 4:

To renew our understanding of the true, holistic nature of our stewardship and responsibility to all of God's creation both individually and together as faith communities.

# Renewing Stewardship – 5<sup>th</sup> Goal



## Goal 5:

To examine our current environmental footprint in light of the ongoing climate emergency and take action to tangibly reduce the negative impact we as individuals and faith communities are having on God's creation.



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# 4<sup>th</sup> Ship – Engaging Partnerships



- The Diocese is a Family
  - Churches are Companions NOT Competitors
  - We need each other for the “building up of God’s Kingdom”
- God is at work in the world outside the Church
  - People looking for support/resources
  - Groups needing space
  - Where is God in the neighbourhood?
  - How do we join in with God and with others?

# Engaging Partnerships – 6<sup>th</sup> Goal



## Goal 6:

Recognizing God in and through others, to partner together across and outside our faith communities to support and engage in shared work, witness, and ministry, and help bring **dignity to every human being.**



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# Q&A/Discussion

1. Based on what you have just heard, what is your initial reaction to the vision and goals?
2. What are your questions and concerns about this process?
3. What do you think that you will need for this process to be successful in your parish?
4. Other comments or questions?



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# What Next?

- The strategic goals are intended to **refocus our efforts** on how we are being called to be the Church at this time, in this place, in the Good News of Jesus.
- We are continuing to roll out the strategic goals throughout the Diocese with a series of **information sessions**.
- Parishes will **contribute towards the vision** by setting specific goals.
- This process will provide **structure and consistency** to what is already happening, and offer **guidance and direction** where efforts need to be re-imagined.
- Key objectives of the strategic planning work are being aligned in what we are doing, sharing with each other, learning from each other, and knowing how our individual actions fit into the bigger picture in the Diocese – **building awareness and alignment**.

# Set Sail Timeline

Being

Doing



**2023:**  
Planning



**2024:**  
Goals 1, 2



**2024:**  
Goal 3



**2025:**  
Goals 4, 5



**2025:**  
Goal 6



Ideally, goals would be established by January for each year of the plan.

# Resources

- Parishes will set their own goals.
- There are resources available on the Set Sail webpage <https://anglicanenl.net/set-sail-strategic-plan/>:
  - A planning toolkit to help with setting specific goals.
  - A planning template to document and communicate goals.
- Navigators can help support the process.

