

# **Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador**

## **Creation Care and Stewardship Team**

### **Stewardship Inventory**

This tool has been prepared by the Team to help individuals and groups inventory how they currently view stewardship and their responsibility to the Creator. The tool was developed as part of Diocesan work on its “Set Sail” goals; however, those outside the Diocese may also find the tool useful. Specifically, Set Sail Goal 4 reads as follows.

*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.*

Instructions for using the tool are offered below; however, there is no “right” or “wrong” way to use the tool, as long as it leads to meaningful, intentional reflection.

**Instructions for Individuals.** Reflect privately on each the “Core” statements (1-12), choosing one of the following answers as you reflect: *Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Undecided, Agree, or Strongly Agree*. You are encouraged to circle your answer. Next, briefly consider if there are any statements that you would add to the “Core” set. Then, select some of the remaining statements (13-63) at random and reflect upon those as well.

**Instructions for Groups.** (Group Option 1) Conduct the exercise as individuals (see above). Then gather together as one large group, or several smaller groups, to share key reflections – *strongly consider making sharing optional, as some participants may not be comfortable with sharing their perspectives*. Alternatively, encourage this sharing during a coffee or meal break. Encourage participants to be respectful of differing opinions and perspectives.

(Group Option 2). Break larger groups into smaller groups of 4-5 people, as necessary, to perform the exercise. Within each small group, discuss each of the core statements, one at a time – *consider skipping the selection of a response because there may be difficulty reaching consensus amongst the group*. Next, briefly consider if there are any statements that the small group would add to the “Core” set. Then, select some of the remaining statements (13-63) at random and discuss those within the small group as well. Optionally, bring the small groups back together to share key reflections (see Group Option 1). Encourage participants to be respectful of differing opinions and perspectives.

Electronic copies are available from the Team’s webpage <https://anglicanenl.net/creation-care-stewardship/> or by contacting the Team at [creationcare@anglicanenl.net](mailto:creationcare@anglicanenl.net)

#### ***Core Statements***

1. I believe God created all the world. SD D U A SA
2. I believe God has given all of Creation as gift. SD D U A SA

3. I see all people as belonging to God. SD D U A SA

4. I regard all my possessions as being held in trust for God. SD D U A SA

5. I believe that God calls each of us to a ministry. SD D U A SA

6. I believe that I am spreading the gospel by demonstrating respect for the environment.  
SD D U A SA

7. I am concerned how my lifestyle affects other people and all Creation. SD D U A SA

8. I spend time in nature. SD D U A SA

9. I have chosen not to buy something because of the negative impact it has on the environment or people. SD D U A SA

10. I seek a deepening fellowship with God through personal devotion, study of scripture, and interceding for the needs of the Church, humanity and all Creation. SD D U A SA

11. I fight against the ignorance, pride and prejudice that breeds injustice or partiality of any kind.  
SD D U A SA

12. I seek reconciliation with those from whom I am estranged. SD D U A SA

**\*What statements do you think are missing?**

### *Comprehensive Statements*

13. I believe God loves the world. SD D U A SA

14. I believe God calls all humans to care for all people. SD D U A SA

15. Jesus calls those who choose to serve him to follow his example of sacrifice and choose for themselves the path of denial and sacrifice. SD D U A SA

16. The object of our faith communities is to build up all who accept Christ as their Lord and master and are dedicated to him in body and spirit. SD D U A SA

17. It is the commission of the Church to make the gospel known to all. SD D U A SA

18. I accept the duty to bring others to Christ. SD D U A SA

19. I accept the duty to pray and work for the coming Kingdom of God. SD D U A SA

20. As a disciple, I bear witness to Christ in my own immediate environment. SD D U A SA

21. I pray and work for the fulfilment of Christ's command to make disciples of all nations.  
SD D U A SA

22. I work to break down all barriers between all people. *SD D U A SA*

23. I seek equality for all people. *SD D U A SA*

24. I work towards the spreading of a spirit of love and harmony among all people. *SD D U A SA*

25. I fight against all injustice because in Christ all are one. *SD D U A SA*

26. I speak out and act for social justice and international peace. *SD D U A SA*

27. I am prepared to face scorn and persecution to which this may lead. *SD D U A SA*

28. I am prepared to live more simply and share with others. *SD D U A SA*

29. I attempt to live more simply by avoiding luxury and waste. *SD D U A SA*

30. I contribute proportionately of my time, talent and treasure to ministry/mission of a local faith community. *SD D U A SA*

31. My personal spending is limited to what is necessary for my health and well-being and that of my dependants. *SD D U A SA*

32. I give priority to a devotional study of scripture as one of the chief means of attaining that knowledge of God that leads to eternal life. *SD D U A SA*

33. I am engaged in conversation and reading to better understand the Church's mission in the world.  
*SD D U A SA*

34. I am committed to study and action regarding the use and distribution of wealth. *SD D U A SA*

35. I am committed to study and action regarding questions concerning justice and peace.  
*SD D U A SA*

36. I am committed to study and action regarding all questions concerning the life of faith and our right relationship with Creation. *SD D U A SA*

37. I seek to serve others. *SD D U A SA*

38. I love all those to whom I am bound by ties of family and friendship. *SD D U A SA*

39. I am on guard against anything that may injure this love of family and friendship. *SD D U A SA*

40. In my relationship with others in the world, I show the same Christ-like love, gladly giving of myself, remembering that love is measured by sacrifice. *SD D U A SA*

41. I delight in fun and laughter, rejoicing in God's world, calling nothing common or unclean.  
*SD D U A SA*

42. I mix freely with all people. SD D U A SA

43. I am ready to bind up the broken hearted and bring joy into the lives of others. SD D U A SA

44. The primary aim of the Christian faith is to make Christ known. SD D U A SA

45. I believe that my gifts can be used to further God's kingdom/glorify God. SD D U A SA

46. I know how I can use my gifts to further God's kingdom/glorify God. SD D U A SA

47. I currently serve in a way that utilizes my gifts. SD D U A SA

48. I currently use my gifts in a way that cares for Creation. SD D U A SA

49. I can envision a way that my gifts can be used to care for Creation. SD D U A SA

50. I feel valued for the gifts that I have. SD D U A SA

51. I believe that I have talents (e.g. skills, knowledge, experience) to contribute to my faith community.  
SD D U A SA

52. I believe that everyone has talents (e.g. skills, knowledge, experience) that can contribute to their faith community. SD D U A SA

53. I believe that I am spreading the gospel by demonstrating respect for others. SD D U A SA

54. I believe that my faith community is spreading the gospel by demonstrating respect for the environment. SD D U A SA

55. I believe that my faith community is spreading the gospel by demonstrating respect for others.  
SD D U A SA

56. My faith community is trying to use less plastic. SD D U A SA

57. My faith community encourages people to spend time in nature as part of growing their faith.  
SD D U A SA

58. I try to encourage my family and friends to spend time in nature. SD D U A SA

59. When I spend time in nature, I am thankful. SD D U A SA

60. I have taken the time to watch a sunrise or sunset. SD D U A SA

61. I have taken the time to watch a spider build a web. SD D U A SA

62. Nature amazes me. SD D U A SA

63. Something in nature amazed me at some time. SD D U A SA