

# FIVE MARKS OF MISSION

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The ministry of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada is to live out the Five Marks of Mission. These mission priorities, used widely around the Anglican Communion were developed by the Anglican Consultative Council in 1984 and affirmed at the Lambeth Conferences 1988 and 1998 they are:

**1. To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom**

We do this when we tell others of the good news of Jesus; when we share our faith in Christ with those around us; when we reach out to the community with a clear Christian message of the Gospel; when we respond to the Lord's call to go into the world.

**2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers**

Christian discipleship is about lifelong learning, so we all need formal and informal resources for growing in faith, so that the Church is a learning environment for all ages. We do this when we teach Sunday School, lead confirmation classes, spend time in Bible study, encouraging our young people in the Christian faith.

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

Churches have a long tradition of care through pastoral ministry. Christians are called to respond to the needs of people locally and in the wider community. We do this with our participation in such events as World AIDS Day or locally by offering lunch programs for the needy.

**4. To seek to transform unjust structures in society**

Jesus and the OT prophets before him challenged oppressive structures in God's name. Christians should not only press for change, but also demonstrate justice within Church structures. We do this when we challenge those in authority around issues of corruption, abuses of human rights or the end of apartheid.

**5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth**

The Bible's vision of salvation is universal in its scope. We are called to promote the wellbeing of the human community and its environment, so that Creation may live in harmony. We do this when we conserve water, support awareness around global warming, when we 'go green' or when we choose to live in ways that are alternatives to materialism and greed.

