

# VISION 2019

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At General Synod, members will consider a strategic plan, Vision 2019 – *Dream the Church*. The resolution directs that the officers of General Synod and the Council of General Synod be guided by the priorities in their planning, program and any organizational restructuring that may be undertaken. Here is the introductory letter members received from Dean Peter Elliott, chair of the Vision 2019 Task Force.

Vision 2019 challenges Canadian Anglicans to go beyond institutional maintenance and embrace the call to mission that is at the heart of Christian discipleship. This call to mission has been articulated in the Anglican Communion through the Five Marks of Mission—a short statement of core values that express the mission of God in the world, see the separate sheet on the Five Marks of Mission.

## PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE

Vision 2019 was developed through consultation with Anglicans at the grassroots and in conversation with church leaders. It sets out seven priorities and five practices that seek to energize the national church in its common mission.

The seven priorities are:

- Develop leadership education for mission, evangelism and ministry
- Support ministry through the Council of the North
- Walk with Indigenous Peoples on a journey of healing and wholeness
- Work toward peace and justice
- Engage young people in mutual growth for mission
- Enliven our worship
- Be leaders in the Anglican Communion and in ecumenical actions

These priorities will be expressed through practices that will renew our church structures, improve communication and statistical information, promote Christian stewardship principles and gather financial resources, and seek to build bridges of understanding across the diversity of our church.

The national Council of General Synod (COGS) has already adopted this plan in principle and is forwarding it with their support to General Synod 2010.

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