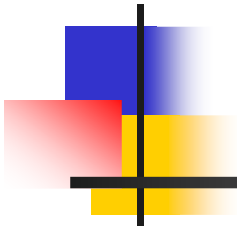
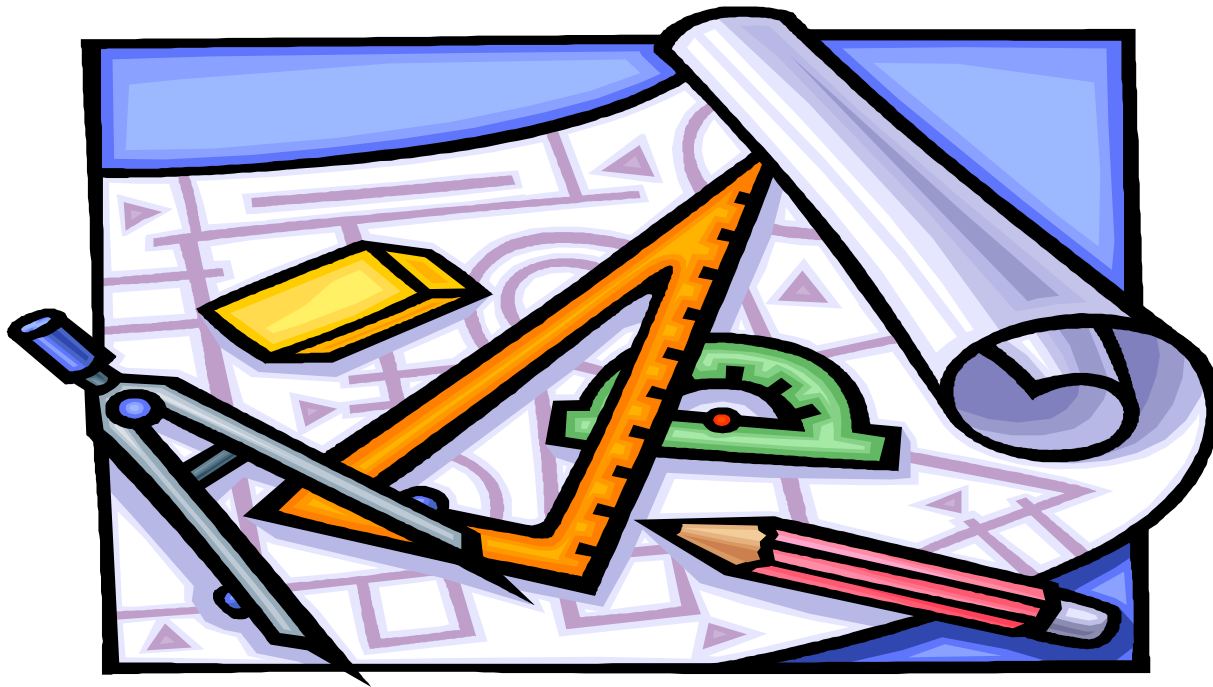


Evangelism: Developing a Blueprint



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Blueprints are just the beginning.....



...they look to the past, to inform for the present, and plan for the future!!



Evangelism in our 'Post- Christian Culture

- **The featured words of the new millennium:**
- **Post- Industrial**
- **Post- Colonial**
- **Post- Liberal**
- **Post- Modern**
- **Post-Ideological**
- **Post- Christendom**



■ **Loren Mead, author of *The Once and Future Church* wrote:**

- “We are at the front edges of the greatest transformation of the Church that has occurred in 1600 years. It is by far the greatest challenge that the Churches of North America have experienced; it may eventually make the Reformation of the 16th century look like a ripple in a pond.”



We are being challenged!

What the media has been saying:

- *"Residential school settlement may bankrupt Anglican Church"*- Globe and Mail, Jan. 2002
- *"Debate over Gay Bishop divides Anglican Church"*- CBC News 2003
- *"Decline in Anglican membership quickening"*
National Post, Dec. 2005
- *"Empty Pews, Starving Souls"*- Hamilton Spectator, Jan. 2006

United Church of Canada



Census Year	Claimed Members	Parish Lists	Annual % Change
1961	3,664,008	1,036,935	
1971	3,768,800	1,016,706	-2.0
1981	3,758,015	900,220	-11.5
1991	3,093,120	785,726	-13.0
2001	2,839,125	637,941	-18.8



Presbyterian Church

Census Year	Claimed Members	Parish Lists	Annual % Change
1961	818,558	200,640	
1971	872,335	182,559	-9.0
1981	812,105	164,902	-9.8
1991	636,295	154,717	-6.1
2001	409,830	130,287	-16.1



Pentecostal Church

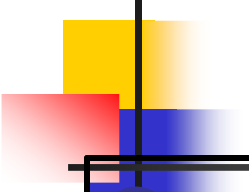
Census Year	Claimed Members	Parish Lists	Annual % Change
1961	143,877	143,877	
1971	220,390	160,000	+11.1
1981	338,790	134,662	-15.6
1991	436,435	206,172	+52.6
2001	369,475	232,000	+12.6



Baptist Church

Census Year	Claimed Members	Parish Lists	Annual % Change
1961	593,553	138,065	
1971	667,245	132,003	-4.3
1981	696,845	138,630	+5.3
1991	663,360	130,149	-6.5
2001	729,470	128,896	-0.8

Anglican Church of Canada



Census Year	Claimed Members	Parish Lists	Annual % Change
1961	2,409,068	1,358,459	
1971	2,543,180	1,109,221	-18.3
1981	2,436,375	921,545	-16.9
1991	2,188,110	801,963	-13.0
2001	2,035,500	641,845	-20.0



Reginald Bibby reports:

- *Over 80% of Canadians call themselves 'spiritual' and believe in God.*
- *Only 12% attend church*
- *The Question then is, what is the problem?*



We must understand the Six Basic Spiritual Needs. People need to:

1. Have an experience of God; not be talked to *about* God!
2. Have a sense of community & deeper relationships
3. Feel appreciated and respected
4. Be heard and listened to
5. Feel that they are growing in faith
6. Want *practical* spiritual help in developing a mature faith



Congregational Leadership and Evangelism

- “Evangelism is a gift that we offer out of gratitude and joy for what we have been given. It is through evangelism that the Holy Spirit moves in us and through us to connect us to other human beings with whom we share God's gift of life. We cannot, as good disciples, avoid our obligation to spread the Good News to the spiritually hungry!” - Bp. Claude Payne

From **MAINTENANCE** to **Mission**



Maintenance

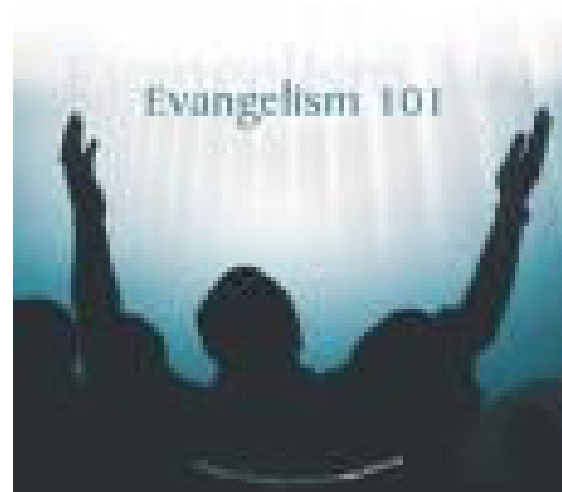
- Priest care for people
- Inward looking
- Comfort w/in Membership
- Committees
- Instit. Vision from Above
- “We’ve always done it this way!”
- Nominate people to administrate.

Mission

- People reach out to people
- Outward Focus
- Called to be a disciple
- Spirituality and Mission team
- Team Vision from below
- “Let’s try it this way!”
- Equip people to use their gifts!



Evangelism-In-Action



Evangelism in Niagara in the last two years has been:

- *De Mystifying the E Word*
- *Encouraging and Supporting*
- *Preaching and Teaching*
- *Resourcing and Equipping*



The Bishop's Vision-

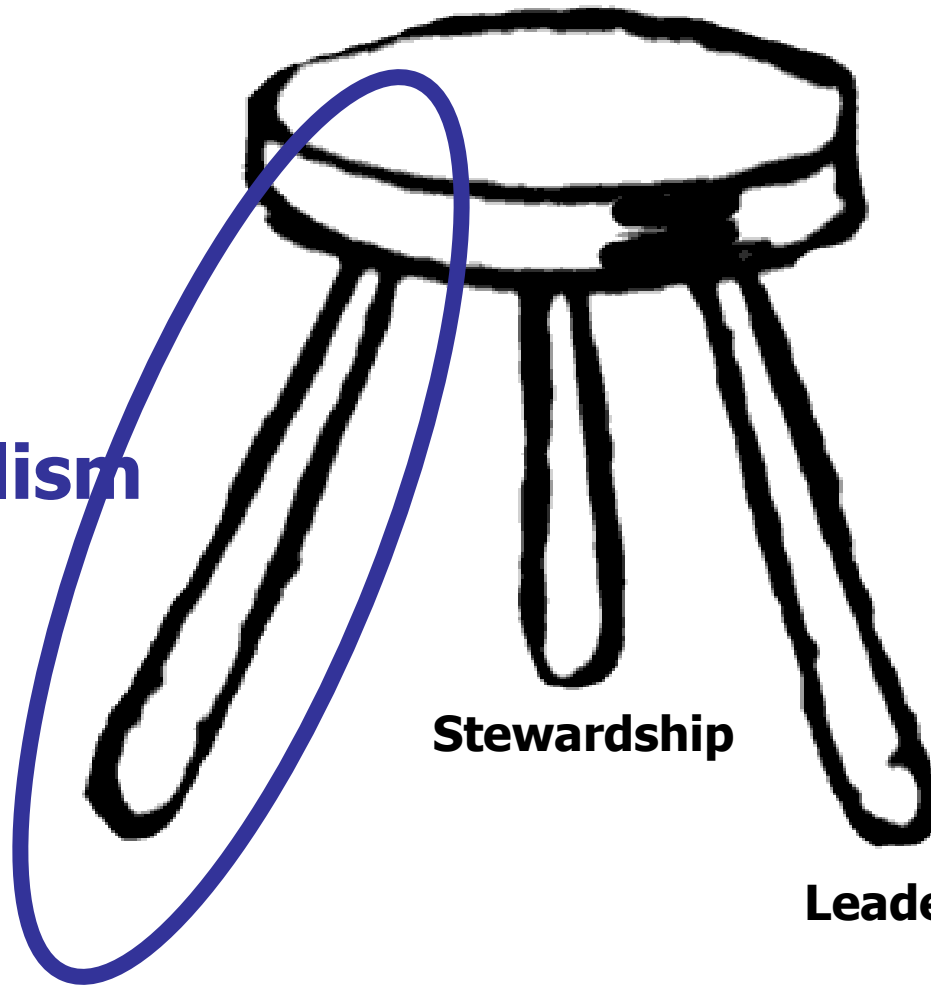
The Three Legged Stool



Evangelism

Stewardship

Leadership





***We execute our vision
through each one of you***



Parish Evangelism Representatives

....the heart of our ability to impact change

Other Team Members

- The Evangelism Working Group
- The Director of Evangelism
- The Bishop

We find direction in the Bishop's Vision for Evangelism:

- Where Anglicans **talk** their faith **often and comfortably**
- Where clergy and laity are **passionate** about their mission and are attuned to their **role** as evangelists in their community.
- Where lay members see themselves as **ministers**
- Where **leaders** in all parishes feel **empowered** and have the resources they need for evangelism
- Where parishes have the **financial resources** they need to serve their community and where parish leaders know how to work their turf!



We organized our efforts to align to the needs of our communities





Parish Resource Team

- ***To support individual parishes in their efforts to make evangelism a greater part of the fabric of parish life and of the faith journeys of individual parishioners.***



Special Events Team

- ***To enhance the spirituality of individuals through unique forums and events that also attract people to church***



Communications Team

- ***To facilitate networking and to support parishes in identifying and responding to need orientated evangelism***



Clergy Resource Team

- ***To support clergy in incorporating evangelism across their ministry areas and to help them lead parish activities***



Marketing and Tools Team

- ***To create, refine, and share useful tools that help support all other sub- teams. To equip and train local members in available evangelism tools and to create plans for marketing.***

Get out there and be
passionate about our mission!

“Only passions, great passions,
can elevate the soul to great
things”

Denis Diderot

French philosopher (1700s)

“Evangel-Action”

