

## VISION VALUES SUMMARY

### **Vision Values:**

At the Synod in March 2010, it was announced that a sixth Vision group was being formed.

Its purpose is to help people and parishes and diocesan committees to hold in awareness the mission statement which forms the centre and core of our shared Vision as well as the foundational values which undergird our Diocesan Vision.

- Early conversations within the group explored the challenges of defining some of the Vision Values. For example, *honesty* may be relatively easy to define but the meaning of *integrity* is much more elusive.
- We discovered that the use of story-telling enabled us to sharpen our comprehension and our insights about each word. We are preparing online resources and print resources to enable parishes and people to both claim and articulate an understanding of each of the words and phrases in the core Mission Statement and the foundational Values. Story-telling and discussion starters will help individuals and communities to engage and respond to our principles and hopes expressed in our Diocesan Vision.
- After the Vision Values group re-interpreted the Diocesan Graphic for the October 1<sup>st</sup> Vision Day this fall, it became more obvious that specific ministry initiatives associated with particular petals in the Vision also actually expressed and emerged *out of* our foundational Values. For example, food security projects undertaken by parishes demonstrate our Vision of Prophetic Social Justice-Making *and* they arise out of our valuing of diversity, our integrity in Christ's mission as well as our passion and hard work.
- For Advent, a study resource is being created to enable reflection and discovery about the principles and directions embodied in our Diocesan Vision. It is designed as an Advent series which will be scriptural, prayerful and conversational.
- From the outset, it has been evident that the Vision Values conversations are being engaged most naturally using the imagery of organic things – living and growing, nutrients and fertile ground. Building on such imagery, online resources including short videos are being planned – as a way to grasp the potential expressed in our Vision and to widen our perspective in Mission and Ministry.

Listed below are the members of the Vision Values group in this start-up period. We're grateful for the participation of The Rev'd Matthew Griffin and Mr. Steve Varey and wish them well as they turn their attention to other ministry conversations. In the months ahead, we will welcome some new volunteers who participated in our discussions at the October 1<sup>st</sup> Vision Day and have indicated an interest in the ongoing work of this Vision Group. The feedback and momentum in recent months has provided affirmation – confirming the importance of knowing and naming our values, particularly if we hope our mission and ministry will arise out of deeply held theological convictions and values.

### **Vision Values Group:**

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Mrs. Shirley Broostad

The Rev'd Matthew Griffin

The Rev'd Canon Dr. Sharyn Hall

The Rev'd Paul Sherwood

Mrs. Carol Summers

Mr. Steve Varey

The Rev'd Canon Dr. Margaret Murray  
(Chair)

Respectfully Submitted,  
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