

Prophetic Social Justice Making

Proposed Goal

By 2013, the Diocese of Niagara is recognized by Anglicans and the wider community as a leader in advocacy and justice for the benefit of all beings; a faith community that practices what it preaches, transforming lives, by the grace of God.

Biblical Reference: Micah 6:8 God asks only that we act justly and kindly as we co-create the kingdom with God

Proposed Indicators (Concrete Evidence)

- Anglicans across the diocese are involved in justice issues in their communities, their regions, their province, their country and globally.
- Social justice language and action is part of everyday life for Anglicans across the diocese.
- Those who seek justice invite local parishes and the diocese to join them as partners.
- Local agencies and organizations celebrate the social justice work of Anglicans in the Diocese of Niagara.
- Parishes are engaging in social justice initiatives and actively utilizing resources provided by the Diocesan Resource Centre.
- Clergy report people being drawn to Anglican parishes because of their faithful response to justice issues

Proposed Missional Objectives

- The Niagara Social Justice Committee (NSJC) will be established to develop ministry resources for parishes, to provide support and counsel for diocesan social justice initiatives, and to collaborate with partner organizations.
- The NSJC will develop a theological statement on the essential role of prophetic social justice making in the life of our faith community
- In collaboration with the NSJC, the Bishop will advocate in support of social justice initiatives.
- The Diocesan Resource Centre will, in its practices and ministry, model values stemming from our commitment to social justice
- Clergy and laity will continue to explore charity and justice approaches and how they complement each other
- The NSJC will coordinate the development of an assessment and discernment tool for parishes to connect with community resources