

I apologize that this may be a lengthy email but ask that you take the time and read it in its entirety.

In 2020 The Diocese asked all parishes to complete a Mission Action Plan, outlining the parishes mission activities for the next 5 years. This was postponed, like so many things, due to the pandemic. In 2021 The Diocese asked the parishes to resume, complete and submit their MAP by December of 2021.

As the Mission and Outreach portfolio holders, Terry and I have reviewed the information provided by the Diocese ([Mission Action Plans | Resources | Anglican Diocese of Fredericton](#)) and have provided a summary presentation to the congregation (see Mission Action plan on our website: [goodshepherdsj.ca](#)) along with activities to involve the congregation in discerning where our Church fits into mission work within our neighborhood.

As you will see in the literature there is a process whereby, we review, choose, plan and act with prayer being the center of all these activities. We are currently in the review stage, and this is where we need your help!

To review what missionary work is needed in our neighborhood we must be in our neighborhood. We must see, read, and listen. We can do these by walking or driving thru our neighborhood, reading media outlets, and listening to what the people in the community are saying. Remember prayer is the center and will focus our minds so pray before each outing and let God guide you.

We have created several interactive boards where we ask for your input. Please read the attachment which talks to each of the boards and what information we are looking for. We realize that not all parishioners are able to attend church at this time, so we wanted to reach out to get your feedback. All feedback is anonymous – no names will be associated with the postings. Please see attached document for the MAP synopsis.

We need your help! If you are not attending church now, we still want you to be a part of this process and strongly encourage you to participate by emailing the church (goodshep@nb.sympatico.ca) with your observations. You have our assurance that these will be added to the boards anonymously.

If you have any questions please let Terry or I know.

If you are able, Terry and I will be leading a walk (weather permitting) this Wednesday, Jun 2, at 6:30, starting at the Church. All are welcome!

Thank you,
Janet Brown
Terry Ricketts
Mission and Outreach