

Church of the Good Shepherd

Mission Action Plan

Interactive Boards

Neighborhood:

It is important to determine where our neighborhood is. There are two boards–

Board # 1 is just a fun exercise to see where our own congregation lives:

- We would like you to put a pin on the street where you live.
- We only want one pin per household.
- If you wish to send us your street, we will be happy to pin it for you.

We would expect a high concentration of our parishioners to live within the westside areas with fewer pins in the outlying areas – lets see if we are right.

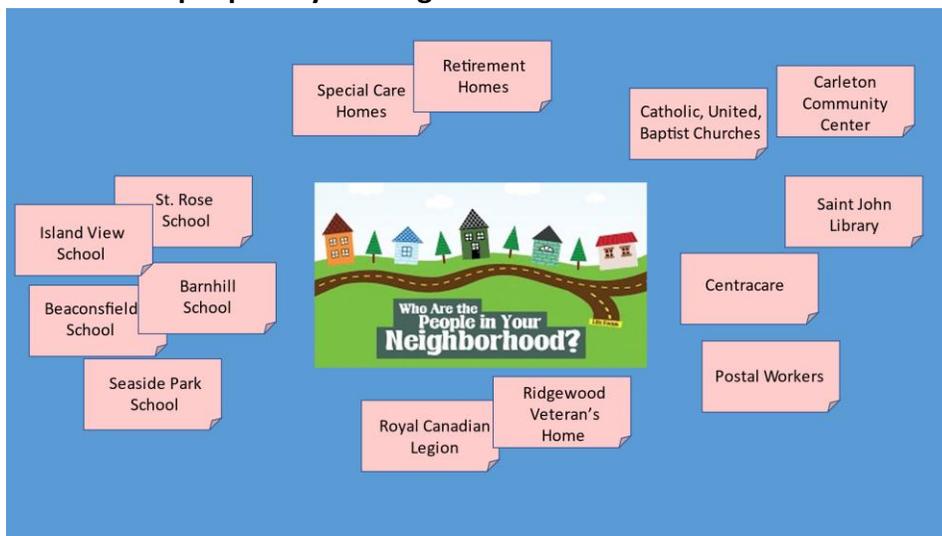
Board #2

Though the City of Saint John determines that the West Side is made up of six areas:

- **Lower West**
- **Island View/Fairville**
- **Milford/Randolph**
- **Sand Cove/Fundy**
- South Bay
- Lorneville

We have determined that due to geographic challenges, we will only be concentrating on the first four areas.

Who are the people in your neighborhood?



Remember the song from Sesame Street - look around - what, who do you see!

What companies, organizations, schools, businesses reside in your neighborhood. We have started the list but need your help in making sure we do not forget anyone. These are not only places that may need our help but may be organizations that we can partner with – we do not know where God will guide us.

Connections:



We are looking for connections to our community by listing organizations that we have helped financially or thru volunteers or both.

For the volunteer portion we are also looking for *indirect* connections, meaning that if you do volunteer work that is outside of the church connection, we would like to see these listed as we consider you the link.

Any thoughts....

Our Resources:



We have broken this down to two boards:

1. All About YOU!

- We are looking to find out the interests, hobbies, and talents within our parish family. This is a simple survey method so please list each thought on a separate Post It Note. No need to put your name on the note, we do not want anyone not to answer for fear of getting tagged for a task!
- This can potentially provide two outcomes – connecting members who have common interests and providing a base for mission outreach to the community.

2. Physical Resources:

- We are looking at our physical resources within our structure. We have started the list, commercial kitchen, several rooms etc. but we need your help. For example, recently a member mentioned hand bells to one of our vestry members something I would not have thought of.

Neighborhood Observations:



Post the thoughts, observations that you made when you went walking, driving or as you read various media posts (newspaper, Facebook, twitter, websites etc.). It is important to note that it is not only what you see or hear but what you do not see or hear – for example you pass by a playground, but you do not see or hear any children playing. It is also important to note we are not only looking for needs but also want to know about the great things that are happening in your neighborhood (bragging rights apply 😊)

What will all of this tell us?

We will review the information and see where God guides us.

For example:

During our walks and talks the parish teachers heard that there is a concern for children needing help with reading especially during the summer months. We have also noted that there is little activity in Queen Square, lower west. From our boards we know that we have several parishioners who have interests in reading, and that we have several rooms within our building, and we have also identified westside schools and the west side library as community resources. God guides us to see these working together to an outreach program – Stories in the Park.

