

## MISSION ACTION PLAN

At the November 2019 Anglican Diocesan Synod, a motion was passed asking for all parishes to take some time to discern and plan for their mission action plan (considering the next 2-5 years). Over the last several weeks the Rev. Jonathan Springthorpe has been inviting congregational members to pray regularly as we seek God's direction for us to be faithful in our mission field here on the West side and seek to be good stewards of our finances, talents and resources. He has invited anyone interested in being on the core team of this process to contact him, wardens Patti Skidmore and Sharon Baxter, or past warden Bruce MacLeod. At both services on May 16, 2021, members of our core Mission Action Plan team introduced our congregation to the work that has been done so far, inviting each one of us to take an active role with "intentional" observing, reading and listening. Patti Skidmore and Bruce MacLeod presented at our 9:00 AM service and Terry Ricketts and Janet Brown presented at our 10:30 AM service. We thank God for their leadership in this mission. We will continue to pray our mission action prayer, and were given a shorter prayer to pray as we live and walk/drive through our neighborhoods. In addition to noticing areas where we can help out, we are also asked to bring attention to the work of other individuals/groups that are already doing great things to make their community a greater place to live and work. Parishioners are invited to put a pin on the various maps we have to indicate where we live, and to add post-it notes of the things we have learned in the categories of neighborhood resources and connections (people we can partner with), what skills/interests each of us have (a separate note for each skill/interest) or what involvement we as individuals already have in the area of mission in our neighborhood that perhaps we don't know about. We are not asked to attach our names to these ideas. We are just discerning the type of resources we have.

Here is a link to the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton's direction on Mission Action Plans and resources available to parishes:

<https://nb.anglican.ca/resources/mission-action-plans>

**Mission Action Plan Walk Thursday, May 27, 2021 - At 6:30pm meet at Queen Square (Lower West)**