



Plan of Action For The Anglican Church in the Province of the West Indies

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INTRODUCTION

Inspired by the urge to rekindle the minds and spirit of Anglicans within the Church in the Province of the West Indies towards giving meaning and purpose to the ministry within the communities they serve, the meeting of the Thirty-ninth Triennial Provincial Synod engaged in a process of introspection, reflection on, renewal of and recommitment to their Christian duty.

Essentially, this process entailed the acceptance that there needed to be a clearer, shared understanding of the unique identity of Anglicans. Along with this was the need for a plan, which was buttressed by an intentionality and a zeal for pursuing what the people of God within the Anglican community are called to be and do as Christians.

The thoughts and proposed actions articulated in this manual are intended to achieve a number of objectives. Firstly they help to interpret and express in clearer terms the missional imperatives for the Anglican Church within the Province of the West Indies. They also provide meaning and purpose for human life and galvanize persons around common desired results. At the same time they are designed to create an environment for more discussion both to bring others into the Faith as well as for on-going evaluation of what has been approached. This would allow for revisions in approach as are necessary.

The plan aims to bring together increased numbers of people from across the Caribbean through coordination and networking, thereby breaking the insularity, isolation and fragmentation which far too often frustrates attempts to share in God's mission to the world. Finally it seeks to inspire among Anglicans in the Caribbean a greater 'giving of self' the worship and governance of the Church and to cultivate a culture of responsibility of citizenship among all of our people.

Indeed, it declares that the response to pursuing the mission of the Church is expressed in The Five Marks of Mission

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers.
3. To respond to human need in loving service.
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

