


Companions on a Journey

**The Journey from
Scarcity to Abundance
Stewardship Initiative
Diocese of N S & P E I**

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- Report to Synod
from the
Stewardship Resource
Development Group (SRDG)

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Stewardship Resource Development Group

Mission

- To ensure all parishes have the opportunity, the encouragement and support required to create sustainable, parish-oriented stewardship.

Education & Training Subgroup

- **Develop programme content**
- **Develop and deliver training workshops to meet parish and regional needs**
- **Work regionally to identify and develop leadership skills**
- **Create a base of stewardship & congregational development resources**
- **Provide linkages for parishes**

Communications Subgroup

- **Promote Companions on a Journey**
- **Collaborate with Social Justice Subcommittee re: Stewardship of Creation**
- **Promote dialogue with parishes and regions**
- **Distribute resources**
- **Update website, Net News and Diocesan Times**

Outline

- How did we get here?
- Where we are now?
- Where are we going?

How did we get here?

- Diocesan Visioning Process
 - ◆ Need Parish Stewardship Education
- General Synod decisions
 - ◆ Letting Down the Nets
- Pilot project
- Planning Study Report

Where are we now?

- **What you told us**

High level of support for Stewardship Initiative for parishes

“Let’s get on with the journey!”

Obstacles to the journey

- ◆ **Allotment issues**
- ◆ **Communications issues**
- ◆ **Diocesan Structures not compatible with Vision**

Obstacle Removal 1

- Allotment Task Group
 - ◆ New look at Allotment
 - ◆ Members- **R Francis, L Jaeger, T Lightfoot, I MacDonald, G McCurdy, L Peach, E Pooley, F Rhymes, L Uzans**
 - ◆ Report to Diocesan Council
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Obstacle Removal 2

- Communications Task Force
 - ◆ Terms of Reference
 - ◆ Members – J Connors, S Fyfe, G McClure Fraser, J Marshall, M Moulton, T Moxley, P Sherwood, L Vaughn, K White
 - ◆ Report to Diocesan Council
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Obstacle Removal 3

- Analysis of Diocesan Structures
- Recommendation of structures and processes needed to implement our vision
 - ◆ Through partnership with Letting Down the Nets have engaged specialist to study and recommend changes.

Where are we now?

- Benchmark Study

Summer 2006 Research Project

Parish statistics to describe current
status of parishes

Results now available

Where are we going?

- **Anglicans with a theology of abundance**
- **All parishes with sustainable, parish-based stewardship**
- **Strong regional stewardship leaders**
- **A diocese of healthy, viable congregations**

How will we get there?

- Begin with 3 pilot regions
 - ◆ All parishes willing to send 2 lay leaders for training
 - ◆ Willing to test first 2 modules, help evaluate and rework for parish effectiveness

How will we get there?

- Build an atmosphere of collegiality
 - ◆ Willingness to share stories and resources
 - ◆ Training and working together on a regional basis

How will we get there?

- Identify the talents of our people
- Provide opportunities for people to use their gifts in God's service

Next Steps

- You will have the opportunity to consider your stewardship views
- Watch a short piece of a video
- Table discussions
 - ◆ Questions in your booklet and on the screen
 - ◆ Some report back
 - ◆ Closing comments

Questions

1/ Your memory of:

- a. *the first time you gave or received a gift.***
- b. *a time you gave or received beyond your expectations.***

2/ What are the words that describe that experience?

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- In partnership with General Synod
 - ◆ Letting Down the Nets
- In partnership with parishes

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- From scarcity to abundance
- From self-centered to Christ-centered,
- From survival-minded to mission-minded,
- From withdrawing to ministering, communities of faith

Feedback

- Please complete the form at the back of your booklet now
- They will be picked up from your table shortly.



**Come and journey, journey onward;
All our gifts we now shall bring
To the building of a city
That is holy, Christ its King.**

**Come and journey, come and journey
With a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters;
In the Spirit we are one.**