

Report of the Parish Assessment For the Anglican Parish of Stanley

St. Thomas Church, 71 Main Street, Stanley
St. Paul's Church, 119 Route 625, Cross Creek
St. James the Less, 4069 Route 620, Tay Creek

The Rev'd Canon Elaine Hamilton, Interim Priest-in-Charge

Conducted: May 28 & 29, 2010

Location: Anglican Church Hall, Main Street, Stanley

Facilitator: The Ven. Pat Drummond, Archdeacon of Fredericton

Participants from the Parish of Stanley: Heather Carr, Jasper Carr, Maxine Fullarton, Betty MacGillivray, John MacGillivray, Hoda Martin, Bill Moss, Donna Moss, Sandy Savage, Boris Spacek, Richard Spacek, Ann Wetherilt & Carol Wilson.

Following our discussions, the Parish of Stanley hopes to move forward with consensus, goodwill, unity and truth.

In five years time we would hope to be:

- using BAS 50% of the time
- having larger congregations attend our worship services
- encouraging more volunteers to share/lighten the load
- reaching out and welcoming newcomers
- organizing active youth programs
- employing a full time rector

This vision for our parish, by the year 2015, was agreed upon by those in attendance once we had analyzed and discussed the results of the survey responses. Note: It still remains necessary to obtain the approval of vestry before taking this information to the congregation at large.

Upon completion of the survey, it was felt that the three key areas needing to be addressed in the Parish of Stanley were youth, evangelism and finances.

Youth:

Invite cathedral puppeteers

More upbeat music in church

Outings, picnics

Drop in evenings for games

Vacation Bible School in 2011

Baptismal afternoon planned for October 2010

Nativity play

Sunday school – with at least three teachers

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Evangelism: (speaking to people about faith)

Displaying & using grace cards at all gatherings

Display posters to alert general public to worship services

Organize & distribute welcome baskets

Visitation to sick, elderly & shut-ins + new parents

Require additional letters for outside bulletin board to inform general public of activities & worship services

Take supper and/or pot luck to shut ins

Easter Play

Update pamphlet regarding our parish

Note: Consult the book *Walk across the Room* by Bill Hybels

Finances:

Improve efficiency of spending – cutting our overheads

Make our own wine

Stewardship campaign

Every member visitation informing of the parish outreach: our local food bank,

Uganda & Ghana [tabled for the time being]

Don't forget about the first "10" of the 10-10-10 message: try to increase "givings" a little bit

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Wilson, Acting Secretary