

MISSION STRATEGY COMMITTEE
Diocese of Minnesota
2005-2006

Membership and Structure:

1. 12-15 people
2. Predominantly from Regions 6-9
3. Capable of meeting bi-weekly for 2+ hours
4. Willing and able to spend extra time reading, reflecting, imagining
5. Able to think independently and work as part of a team
6. Capable of oversight/big picture
7. Willing to acknowledge the value of and work with a consultant
8. The Rev. Canon Susan Moss to serve as bishop's liaison to committee
9. While strongly in the communication loop, the bishop will be present at some, but not all meetings

Core Values of Members:

1. Has a strong sense of mission as the work God impels us to do for the sake of others
2. Has the experience of and gratitude for Christian community in own life
3. Is neither so arrogant as to believe we bring the truth, nor so naïve as to believe others live a life of awareness of the nearness of God
4. Is able to be self-critical, self-reflective
5. Is willing to affirm and live out the dimensions of Anglican faith and praxis as a "gift" in our present time and culture

Charge to Committee:

Develop a strategy for mission that:

- 1. includes:**
 - a. starting new mission congregations/faith communities**
 - b. re-energizing current congregations with both potential and the will**
 - c. down-sizing where realistic**
 - d. merging and/or moving when appropriate**
 - e. imaging and creating new forms of faith communities ("emerging churches")**
2. begins in the seven-county metro area, takes into consideration Rochester, St. Cloud and Duluth, and imagines new ministries with particular thrusts in Greater Minnesota
- 3. builds on the stated primary focus of Congregational Development within a Complex Adaptive System**
4. can be done in stages, as a whole, with some occurrence of simultaneity
5. is achievable, winning and compelling
6. has time-lines, measurability and accountability
7. reaches out to people across the spectrum: multi-class and multi-cultural
8. imagines the clergy and staff skills needed in each case
9. imagines fund-raising in on going units or campaigns
10. brings a report to the 2005 Diocesan Convention that details:
 - a. how you have organized yourselves thus far,
 - b. what you are studying
 - c. what you are asking us all to study

d. the stages of this planning as you see it at that time and projected timeline and goals by the 2006 Diocesan Convention.
what you need from or recommend to the Convention/Diocese