

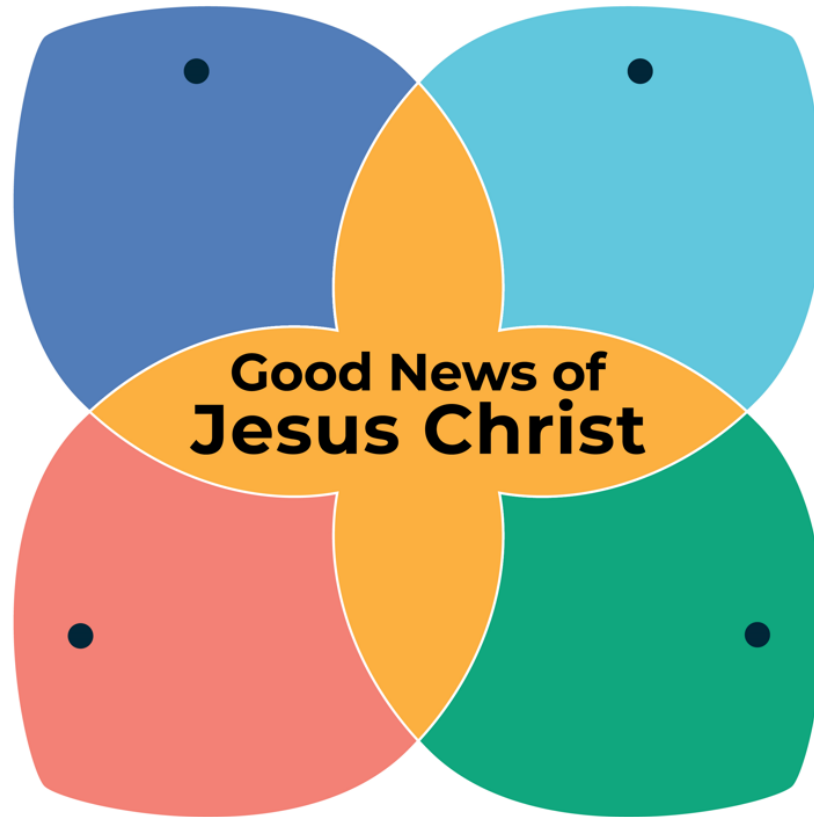
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Spirituality**

**Inspiring
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**Good News of
Jesus Christ**

**Reimagining
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**Transforming
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**DIOCESE OF TORONTO
PROPOSED VISION STATEMENT
October 2023**

Note: This vision statement is at once aspirational and inspirational, invitational and imperative. It describes who we believe we are at our best, and what we try to be more and more every day, with God's help. It welcomes others to join us on this journey, and it sends us into the world, determined to live into these words, with faith, in action.

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Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!

- We are disciples of Jesus Christ, whose Good News is the joy and challenge at the heart of our common life.
- We are renewed daily in our spiritual lives and share our faith with others.
- We seek justice for all, walk alongside those in need, and respond with loving service and prophetic advocacy.
- We support and encourage faithful and fruitful ministry by all who serve the life of the church.
- We live and work as the Body of Christ, each member connected to the whole, and each valued for their unique gifts.

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20 CALLS TO THE DIOCESE Revised to October 30, 2023

A Renewing Spirituality

We are renewed daily in our spiritual lives and share our faith with others.

In that spirit, all parts of the Diocese of Toronto are called to:

1. Enter into a Season of Spiritual Renewal to deepen personal and collective discipleship.
2. Reinvigorate and recommit to children's, youth, family, and intergenerational ministries.
3. Share and use resources to enliven worship, faith formation, spiritual practice, and evangelism.

B Inspiring Faith in Action

We seek justice for all, walk alongside those in need, and respond with loving service and prophetic advocacy.

In that spirit, all parts of the Diocese of Toronto are called to:

4. Recognize and act on opportunities to participate in God's healing work in the world.
5. Make explicit connections between following Jesus and working for justice and peace.
6. Strengthen Indigenous ministry; engage non-Indigenous Anglicans in reconciliation work.
7. Take, sustain and communicate actions that promote diversity, equity, inclusion and anti-racism.
8. Intensify advocacy and action in response to the climate crisis.

C Reimagining Ministry

We support and encourage faithful and fruitful ministry by all who serve the life of the church.

In that spirit, all parts of the Diocese of Toronto are called to:

9. Actively embrace collaboration among congregations and innovation in new forms of ministry.
10. Better reflect the diversity of our communities in both congregations and clergy.
11. Understand the changing needs of lay leaders in congregations and support them in their work.
12. Continue and enhance support for all ordained people.
13. Enable and celebrate the work of ministries focused on service in the world.
14. Rethink clergy discernment, formation, and deployment for the church of the future.
15. Introduce and use new ways to measure and nurture congregational health and effectiveness.

D Transforming Diocesan Culture

We live and work as the Body of Christ, each member connected to the whole, and each valued for their unique gifts.

In that spirit, all parts of the Diocese of Toronto are called to:

16. Cultivate an understanding of the diocese as a dynamic net of shared relationships.
17. Continue assessing recent diocesan leadership changes and adjust as necessary.
18. Adopt an integrated, theologically-informed approach to property management.
19. Ensure follow-through on this report, including implementation methods and metrics.
20. Invest in the vision with existing and new resources, using sound Christian stewardship principles.