



## ***Discipleship: Discovery, Development, Deployment***



### **Key Messages to the Church in Rupert's Land**

*Arising from the desire for more transparent communication by the leadership, as expressed in Feasibility Study, the Bishop and Executive Committee are sending **key messages and decisions** arising from meetings of **Diocesan Council (or Executive Committee)** to the members of Synod (lay and clergy) throughout the year, and ask that this information be shared with Vestries and members of the parish who may be interested.*

*From the Executive Committee meetings of December 2013, January, February and March 2014  
and from the Diocesan Council meeting of January and March 2014*

#### **Discipleship: Discovery**

- Approved a Project Proposal for \$1500 from the Diocesan Council projects budget line as partial funding for the strategic workshop on becoming Missional communities involving leadership from the Episcopal Church in Minnesota as resource persons.

#### **Discipleship: Development**

- Supported the Bishop in his decision to take a Sabbatical from (approx) mid-June to mid-September, 2014.
- Authorized \$4000 from the 2014 youth budget for the Emmanuel Mission's South Sudanese Families Learning Together program for Youth and Children. This program was launched very successfully last summer and hopes to expand in the summer of 2014.
- Approved the proposal for an Urban Indigenous Ministry Developer for a period of 5 years. The program has two primary thrusts: to form an intentional Indigenous worshipping community (hence the funding from the New Church Development Fund); and to engage in an intentional *immersion* ministry into the needs of urban indigenous families and persons. This project (Total cost of approx. \$400,000) to be funded over the 5 years as follows:
  - \$200,000 (over 5 yrs) from the New Church Development Fund
  - \$100,000 (over 5 yrs) from the Diocesan Operating Budget
  - \$68,000 (over 5 yrs) from a grant from a trust of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land
  - \$30,000 (over 5 yrs) from a grant of the Anglican Foundation (pending)

#### **Discipleship: Deployment**

- Received and endorsed a proposal by a five parish consortium in their support of the Matthew Maryland Community Ministry, on behalf of the Anglican Church in our diocese.
- Confirmed the Report of the Diocesan Commission on St. Barnabas, including the following recommendation that the Anglican Parish of St. Barnabas and the Anglican Parish of St. Francis be amalgamated as "The Anglican Parish of St. Francis" in accordance with Canon 19 of the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

## Other work which supports Discipleship (Discovery, Development, Deployment)

- Approved the Operating Budget for 2014 with income of \$751,093 and expenses of \$759,333, with a deficit of \$8240.
- Approved a \$0.01 increase in travel reimbursement effective March 1, 2014.
- Re-allocated up to \$150,000 of the New Church Development Fund to the Nesbitt Bay Accessibility Project to repay the line of credit to the Rupert's Land Capital Fund. This decision was taken under the authority of Canon 19. 4(a) iv. Allocation of Assets - *The needs of the Diocese as a whole, whether in the area of operations, capital, trust or endowment funds.*