



## ***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 February and March 2015  
and from the Diocesan Council meeting of March 2015*

### **Discipleship: Discovery**

Set dates for Faith Horizons as: October 16 & 17, 2015 at Maples Collegiate, in Winnipeg, MB with the theme of Reconciliation.

### **Discipleship: Development**

Requested the Bishop to establish a task force to study the Anti-racism Policy and Protocol of the Diocese of New Westminster and, in consultation with Church House, produce a report with recommendations for Diocesan Council.

Authorized withdrawal from the partnership with the Anglican Journal for the distribution of the Rupert's Land News effective August 31, 2015; and recommended that the full net cost of the Rupert's Land News be brought into the Diocesan Budget effective for 2016.

Received, with thanks, the report of the Theological Education Commission; authorized its distribution to relevant bodies; and requested the Bishop to work with the Commission to create the Working Group as outlined in Section 2, V., Recommendations.

Adopted a new two-tiered travel reimbursement policy for vehicle allowance, in addition to the casual travel rate; increased travel reimbursement in accordance with diocesan policy; and added a \$0.02 premium for travel exclusively in Ontario, to compensate for higher gas costs; and established a new diocesan policy for lodging and meals for members attending committee meetings.

### **Discipleship: Deployment**

Made a \$1000 donation to the Manitoba Interchurch Council on Hydropower; requested an article be prepared for the Rupert's Land News; and that information be made available to parishes providing an opportunity for members to respond financially to this initiative.

Extended to June 30, 2016 the ¼ time contract for the Waverley West Mission Researcher; and authorized a contribution of \$10,000 (from the New Church Development Fund) for 2015 to Spirit Path, (Waverley West) with the appointment of members to an Advisory Committee to discuss the future of this ministry and to bring a clarified proposal back to Diocesan Council by November 2015.