



## ***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.*

*(November 2015 to January 2016)*

#### **Discovery**

*(no entry in this particular section)*

#### **Development**

Adopted a Revised Policy for Frequency of Vulnerable Sector Checks for Diocesan Clergy; and recommended that the parishes be encouraged to set their own frequency for criminal record checks and vulnerable sector checks for parish volunteers.

Authorized a one-time grant of \$7500 from the Youth Ministry Budget to the Companion Diocese Orphans' Fund in Central Buganda.

#### **Deployment**

Authorized \$37,500 to be drawn from the New Church Development fund (for 2016) and \$18,750 (for the first half of 2017) as Rupert's Land's commitment to Spirit Path Ministry (formerly known as Waverley West). These funds will support a shared ministry initiative between the Anglican, United and Lutheran Churches in this area. The ministry will be staffed by a full time United Church minister and the Ven. Jennifer Sisson at .25%. The current commitment will be in place until June 30, 2017 at which time a new ministry covenant will be negotiated.

Authorized the balance of funds in the 2016 budget line for Diocesan Council Projects to be used to assist with the travel for the diocesan delegation going to Central Buganda Diocese.

Elected Mrs. Ellen Cook as a member of the Executive Committee to fill a vacancy on the lay membership of that body.

Approved the 2016 Diocesan Budget.

*Visit the Diocesan Website @ [www.rupertsland.ca](http://www.rupertsland.ca) for more information on the actions of the Diocesan Council. (under "reference" section).*