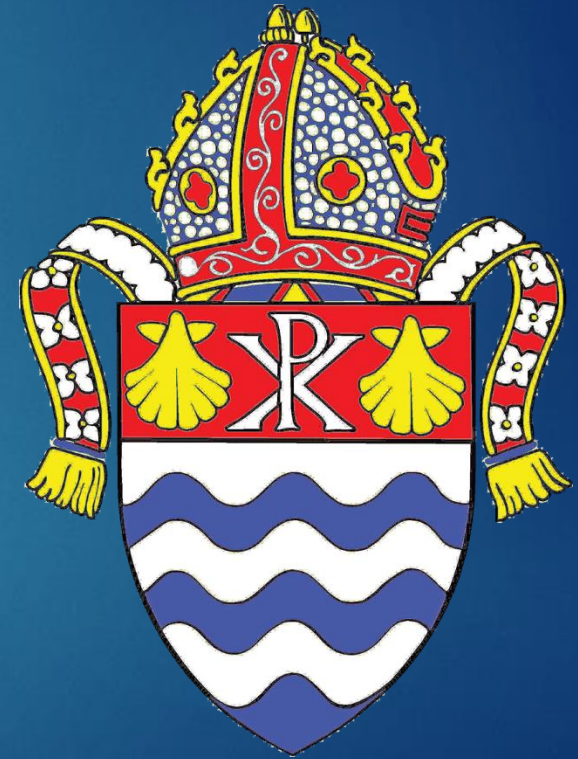


CLERGY CONFERENCE

5 February 2021



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- 9.30 Arrive, Coffee
 - 10.00 Welcome and Morning Prayer
 - 10.15 Theological Reflection – Canon Zoe Everingham
 - 11.15 Tea - Coffee
 - 11.30 Theological Reflection – Bishop Murray Harvey
 - 12.15 Prayer
 - 12.30 Lunch
 - 1.00 Session with Chris Nelson
 - 2.00 Session with Bishop Murray
 - 2.30 Session with Phillip Bonser
 - 3.00 Professional Supervision – Canon Zoe
 - 3.15 Finish with the Grace

1 Samuel 16:1-13 The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’S anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.



Questions

What is your reaction to this passage?

What does it say to you about call and vocation?

DARING TO LIVE INTO GOD'S FUTURE

VALUES FROM THE KEY PRINCIPLES OF THE DIOCESAN RESTRUCTURE

COLLABORATION

Encourages collaborative thinking and action. Co-operation rather than isolation.

STEWARDSHIP

Caring for what has been entrusted to us, honouring good governance and effective administration.

VOCATION

Living into our identity and calling. Who is God calling us to be as individuals and as communities?

LEADERSHIP

Equips and enriches leadership for the present and the future. Encourages leaders to see with a twenty-year vision.

SHARED OVERSIGHT

Moving from multi-church ministers to Community Ministers with a team approach with shared oversight.

MISSIONARY COMMUNITIES

Outwardly focused on making new connections with the community. Recognising and celebrating God's presence in the community.

Key Principles behind the Proposed New Structure

The Proposal:

Is based on co-operation rather than isolation. Encourages collaborative thinking and action.

Enables us to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to our care. It honours good governance, effective administration, innovation and efficient solutions by working across Ministry Areas.

Enables us to more deeply live into our identity and calling based on asking questions like “who is God calling us to be?” as individuals and communities, rather than just “doing what we’ve always done”.

Enables a mixed-team approach with shared oversight. It sees Ministry Areas as missionary communities where each worshipping community has a community minister (not necessarily ordained). *From multi-church ministers to community ministers.*

Allows us, in a rapidly changing world, to focus our efforts on connecting with the wider community and recognising and celebrating God’s presence there.

Is designed to ensure there is an Anglican presence across the region in twenty years and beyond.

Equips and enriches leadership for the present and the future.



From Feb 2019:

*Describe your **original** call to ministry:*

Who or what were you being called to be or do?

What gifts were you being called to use?

Who were the significant people involved?

How did you respond?



How are you **currently** responding to the call to ministry?

Would you say that you are still responding to the original call, or to a new call?

What gifts are you being called to use now?



GOD'S MISSION IN GRAFTON DIOCESE

Transforming lives through Jesus Christ

MISSION FOCUS

Be increasingly focused on mission.
A proactive invitational culture.
Intentionally raise up new disciples.

EQUIPPING GOD'S PEOPLE

Increase the capacity of leaders through increased collaboration and the sharing of gifts in Networks and Ministry Areas.
Lay education and training in leadership and change management.
Renewed focus on vocational discernment and formation.
Enriching our spiritual life.
Innovative use of technology.



RESTRUCTURING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

Implement innovative models of ministry enabling collaboration across regions.
Review use of diocesan properties.
Enable, support and equip Ministry Areas and Networks in mission and ministry.
Monitor restructure outcomes and review.

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

Support and encourage new mission initiatives and local partnerships with the community.
Closer relationships between schools and parishes.

GOVERNANCE AND CULTURE


Improved governance and culture.
Promote and practise environmental stewardship.



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A call to the Ordained Ministry is best understood as the coincidence of a person's gifts with the church's needs, informed and illuminated by the Holy Spirit. The Grafton process seeks to discern whether the enquirer's sense of call is obedient, realistic and informed, and whether they have the necessary gifts and capacities to exercise ordained leadership in the Church at this time and in this Diocese.

From the booklet Discernment, Formation and Training for Ministry in the Diocese of Grafton (July, 2020)



What am I being called to at this time?

What gifts am I being called to use as an ordained leader in the church in this time and this place?

How am I currently responding? What changes do I need to make, and what support do I need, to respond more effectively?



WHO

are you called to be



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