



Diocesan Synod Conference 2013

Living the Mission of Jesus





Towards Strategic Priorities

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Journeying together; the purpose of the sessions focused on Strategic Priorities

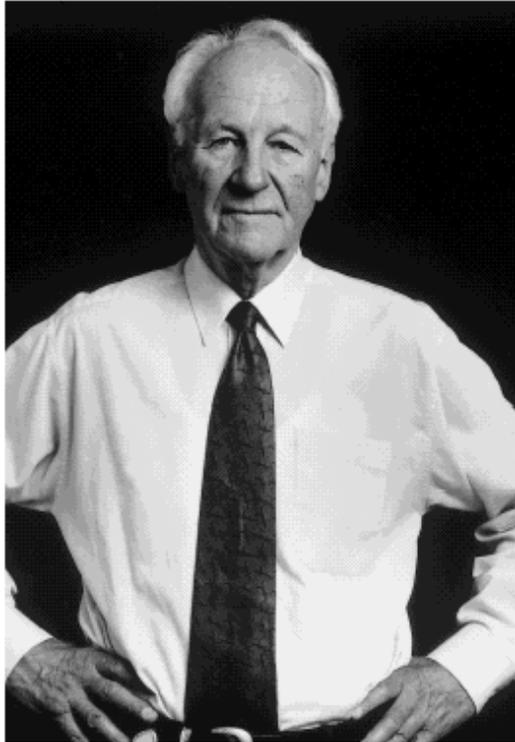
- Understanding the practical nature of the “Missional Journey” we are on together as one diocese.
- Praying, listening to the Spirit and to others, discussing and agreeing the direction of our travel.
- Practically planning how we will engage, commit to action and move forward as one diocese, including how you lead your communities
 - to understand,
 - pray and wait on the Spirit,
 - engage and to commit to action in their communities

So that as one diocese we can live out the mission of Jesus in 2nd decade of 21st century



Listening to the Spirit of God to give focussed direction to our journey

A Spiritual Planning Process



“ We are called to
double listening,
listening to the Word
and listening to the
world”

John Stott



“With your help I can advance against a
troop, with my God I can scale a wall”
2Samuel 22 v 30

“You broaden the path beneath me so
that my ankles do not turn over”
2 Samuel 22 v 37

“he enquired of the Lord saying, ‘Shall I
go and attack these Philistines?’”
1Samuel 23 v2



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(Message)

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Setting the context... why we need strategic priorities ...

and how these will impact our
Missional journey together

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- ∅ As Synod you are responsible for setting strategic direction and promoting it to the whole diocese so that it takes shape and develop in our own communities



Setting the context... the role of the Bishop and his staff team in defining the strategic priorities for the diocese

“This is not and cannot be top
down!”

The work and role of the Bishop and his Staff Team in establishing strategic direction.

- ∅ Providing Episcopal leadership to the diocese so that we move forward as one body in an AGREED direction with the same priorities and emphasis.
- ∅ With you listening to the Spirit about what it means to live out the mission of Jesus in communities throughout the diocese, so that you can decide the priorities.
- ∅ To engage, equip and motivate you and others to be enthusiastically ENGAGED in this missional journey together. Action in local communities is the heart beat of strategy!

During these Strategy sessions

- Ø Embark on a spiritual planning process during the conference.
- Ø Listen to the spirit about the areas of diocesan focus
- Ø Share 4 strategic priorities BST have considered and look at how these align to the priorities you had identified.
- Ø Prayerfully reach agreement on and commit to 4 or 5 high level/ strategic priorities for the whole diocese.
- Ø Show how we move from strategy to local implementation

During these sessions

- ∅ Establish a model for you to share the agreed priorities in your areas so that YOU can lead others on this journey
- ∅ Understanding and listening to the Spirit
- ∅ Being enthusiastic and committed to put these priorities relevantly in to action (some may already be in action!), locally as we live our the mission of Jesus across the diocese
- ∅ Move from strategy to goals and tactics/ projects that align to the vision (some may already be in operation in locally)

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Dinner

Chatsworth Dining Room

