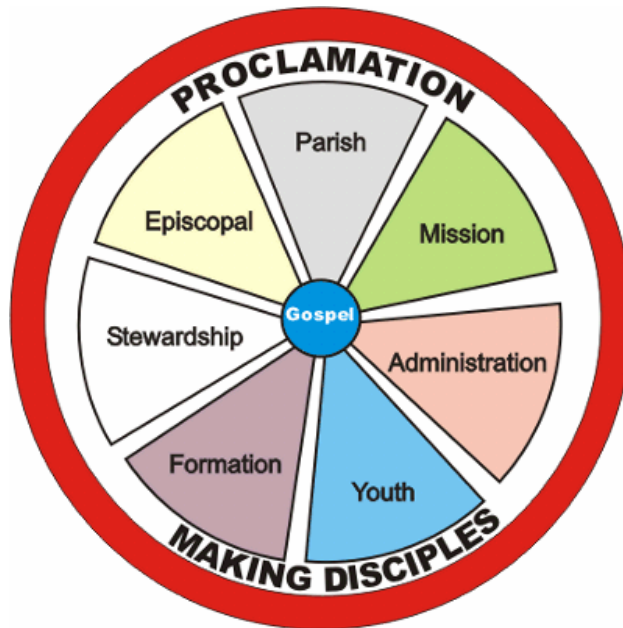


Instructions to Members of Synod – “Response to the Bishop’s Charge”

Our response to the Bishop’s Charge is framed in the context of our common vision: the proclamation of the Gospel for the making of Disciples. This vision has been the backdrop for the Bishop and Council as they strive to move God’s church in this Diocese forward.

Each of you has been randomly pre-assigned to one of seven discussion groups, which will help develop one part of synod’s response to the Bishop’s charge. The seven discussion groups are Episcopal, Administration, Mission & Outreach, Youth, Parish Development, Stewardship & Financial Development and Spiritual Formation. As part of the registration process you will be told which topic you will be discussing and where your group will gather.



Each of the seven groups will discuss one of the seven topics. Each of the seven groups will be under the direction of a Leader (Archdeacon). Each group will then divide itself into small subgroups of approximately 10 people each. This will be done by having each member number off from 1 to 5. All the 1’s will gather together, all the 2’s will gather together and so on. Each subgroup of 10 will be asked to choose its own facilitator and a scribe and will be allocated a place where they can meet.

The three questions that each group shall ponder as we share the common vision of the proclamation of the Gospel and the making of Disciples are:

1. What are the 3 most important things we would like the Bishop to be aware of concerning his charge in the area of ministry that we are discussing.
2. What 3 recommendations do we want to make to the Bishop and the Diocesan Council that would guide them as we move forward in the area of ministry that we are discussing?
3. What 3 recommendations do we want to make to our Parishes that would guide them as we work with the Bishop and Council in the area of ministry that we are discussing.