

Trinity's Involvement in God's Mission



Mission – the *Book of Common Prayer* says, “to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

The Anglican Consultative Council recognizes five marks of mission:

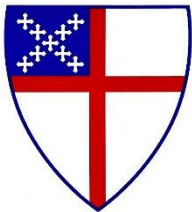
To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers

To respond to human need by loving service

To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation.

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

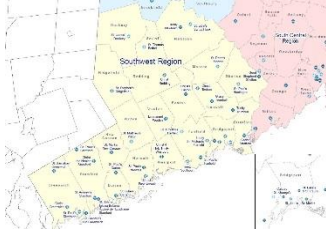


Trinity has begun to explore a process of change intended to more closely align ourselves with God's mission both within and outside the walls of the church. Through the discernment process involved in calling a new rector, as well as through Bible Study, book studies and adult forums, we seek to discover how we might better form ourselves as disciples, how God is engaged in the communities we serve, and how we might better join God in that work. Guided by the five marks of mission, the Parish leadership has also been studying works such as those by Dwight Zscheile (*People of the Way*) and Alan Roxburgh (*Joining God, Remaking Church, Changing the World*) to expand our vision and the culture of our community.



At Trinity, we respect and honor tradition, not only in our worship, but in the Christian practices of hospitality, prayer, works of mercy, acts of justice, and peacemaking. We encourage each other in this contemporary world with all its complexities, to take faith deeper as the Holy Spirit guides us.

We assist with and support feeding programs, food pantries, and clothing drives. We host 12 step recovery programs and a Korean



Presbyterian church. We are involved in supporting local town activities and assisting at the local senior center. We are currently doing a building wide energy audit and are exploring ways to use our property to support the local food bank.

Additionally, we are involved in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut's reorganization efforts as we move from the former structure of Deaneries to Regions and Ministry Networks.