

# MISSION ACTION PLANNING

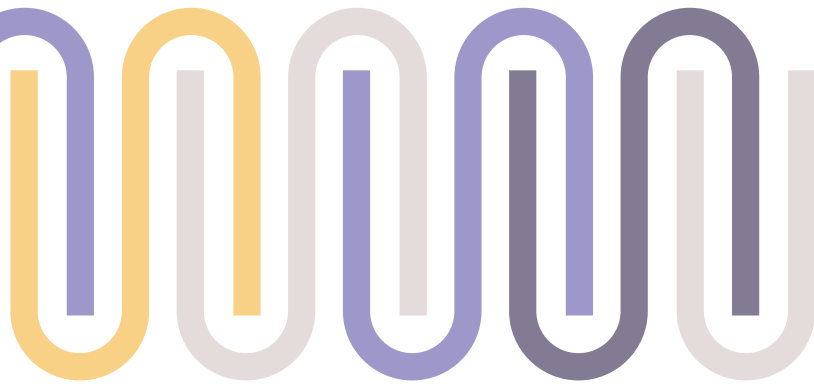


## WHAT IS MISSION ACTION PLANNING?

A process that helps parishes  
vision, plan, decide and  
act for growth.



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***Mission Action Planning*** does this by providing a framework and set of processes that help parish leaders identify, evaluate, and develop:

**Where you are** – the neighbourhoods and communities where God has placed you and the opportunities this presents to your ministry;

**Who you are** – the strengths and challenges of the congregation;

**Your Missional Stretch** – God’s call to your parish to reach out to share God’s Kingdom with others in your neighbourhoods and communities.

# WHAT'S INSIDE THIS WORKBOOK

A *MAP* workbook provides resources for parish *Mission Action Planning*. It's in 5 parts.

## **I. The Context for our Ministries**

encourages you to assess how well you know your neighbours and provides guidance for refreshing your understanding of your location as you prepare to set goals for your ministry and mission.

## **II. Reviewing our Ministries and Setting Goals**

provides ways of involving your congregation in the work of describing and evaluating your ministries and setting goals for the coming year.

## **III. The Missional Stretch**

helps you set goals and plan for how your congregation can reach out from its strengths and develop new relationships with people in your neighbourhoods and community for the sake of God's mission.

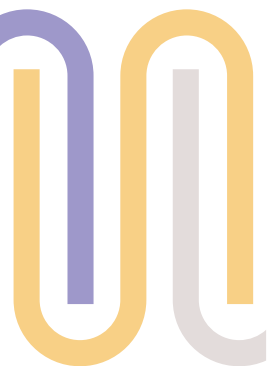
## **IV. Prayer and Reflection Resources**

supports you in holding the *MAP* work in prayer and rooting it in Scripture so that your goals and plan will be a discernment of God's call to your parish.

## **V. Report Template**

for sharing your plan with your area bishop.

Throughout this workbook, ***MAP Stories*** are included to inspire imagination, creativity and learning.



## HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

Getting the most from a *MAP* process will vary from parish to parish. For those who have a strong knowledge of their neighbourhoods and communities and who have a history of setting goals and using these to focus the parish's ministry, it could take 6 to 10 weeks to create and communicate a *MAP*. For those who haven't this background work in hand, it will take 4 to 6 months.

## FINDING A FACILITATOR

The Congregational Development Department of the Diocese offers skilled facilitators who are trained in the *MAP* processes.



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