

CALLED FORWARD



- God's mission is both beyond and within the church and as the church we exist to serve the mission of God. It is not the church of God who has the mission, it is the God of mission that has a church (Rowan Williams 2004).
- Our call is not simply to do things better, or even to do new things... but to allow the Spirit of God to regenerate and reshape our life as we join in God's mission.

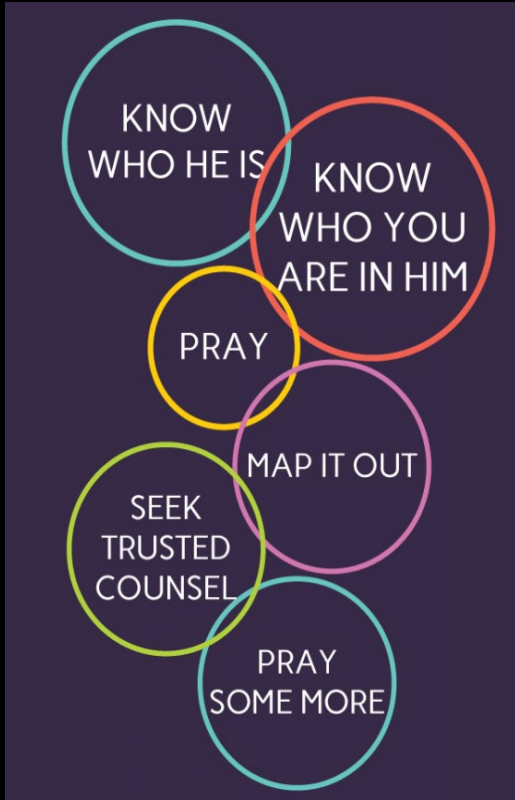


CALLED BACK

- **Congregational Review Survey** – a tool of self-discovery that helps churches identify who they are, what makes them tick, what are their strengths and where are the opportunities.
- This is merely a starting point with questions focused on leadership, worship, culture, next generation, mission and trends.
- Its an internal look. It's a tool for evaluation, a tool that 'takes the pulse', a tool that is intended to lead to action and further development.

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- If our future is to look any different then a deeper, wider, broader concept of what mission is, is needed. If mission refers to the purposes of God and mission is the business of the church in the world, what does that look like for me in Glenfield, in Otahuhu, in Mangere, in Ponsonby, in Henderson.
- Called back – the review process
- Called forward – the mission process
- NP Mission Enabler - to help churches discover the possibilities, the potential, to do the mahi to uncover what stops us, drives us, and what can be achieved when we are brave enough to take the risks needed. Helping to build a framework to move forward in mission.



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- The Mission of God

Mission begins with God. It refers to the purposes of God and the business of the church in the world.

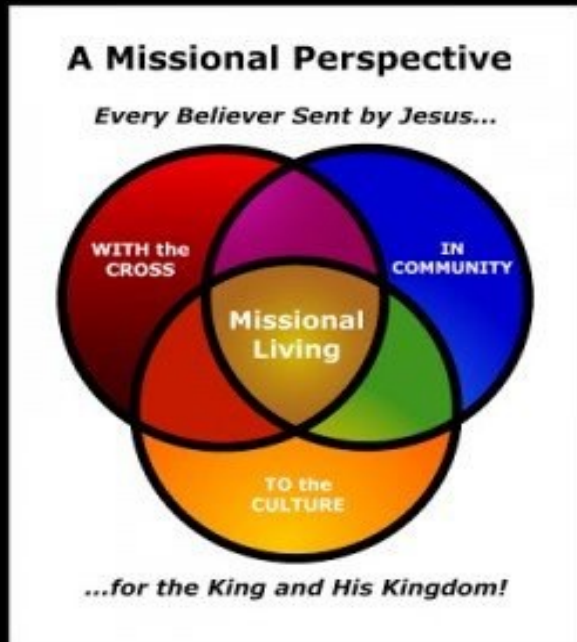
The Mission of God (Missio Dei) is a mission of love for the world.

Mission is responding to what the Holy Spirit is doing through Jesus Christ to care for, redeem and renew the world.

Mission has many faces, all of them equally important. Mission is wholistic and its scope is wide. Mission is expressed as we (the church) witness to Christ in word and deed (to the world).



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- The Mission of the Church

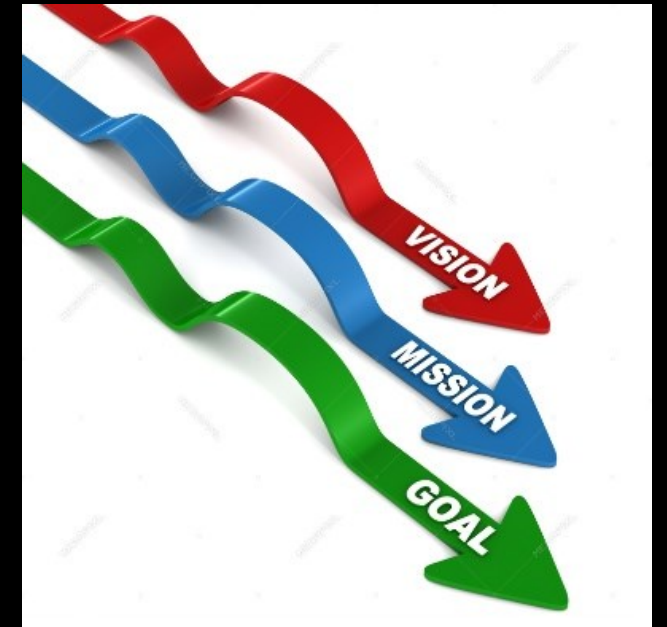
The church is called and formed by the gospel, by the good news, in the midst of a whole variety of contexts, to proclaim afresh in our words and actions, this good news of Jesus Christ in and for every generation, culture and place.

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- The Mission Plan

When we lose our way, get stuck, become disconnected from our changing community, anxious and focused on our own survival and unsure of Gods calling for us, a mission planning process can be a helpful tool; a way of focusing on what we need to change, what we need to prioritise, where we need to better direct our resources and what we need to pray about.

It helps us intentionally address our corporate life so we can be more fully the church witnessing to and living for Jesus Christ in our particular place and time.



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The Mission Plan

- Vision
- Mission
- Values
- Priorities
- Goals
- Evaluation and Review

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GUIDELINES FOR MISSION FUND APPLICATIONS

The Purpose

- The setting up of the Mission Fund was in response to the widely recognised need within the Northern Presbytery for increased mission activities. Churches engaged with, and undertaking activities that involve, or serve their local communities are more likely to be vibrant, growing and developing.
- Strategically, the Presbytery in its strategic plan, is committed to “working together for a better future”. Its intention is to build a network of churches and ministry enterprises that reflect the gospel of Christ.
- The monies made available each year are to support and help enable churches to better respond to the missional opportunities within their own particular communities.

Churches become more intentional and engaged with their communities



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The Budget

The NP Strategic Budget included the allocation of \$170K for a three years cycle support mission initiative. This funding is spread over the 5 regions of Northern Presbytery (Northland, Coastal, West, East/Central and South), and covers 83 churches/parishes. As a guide, up to two mission initiatives per region may be funded.

- **First 3yr Cycle:**

Year One: July 2020 to June 2021 (170k)

Year Two: July 2021 to June 2022 (\$170k)

Year Three: July 2022 to June 2023 (\$170k)

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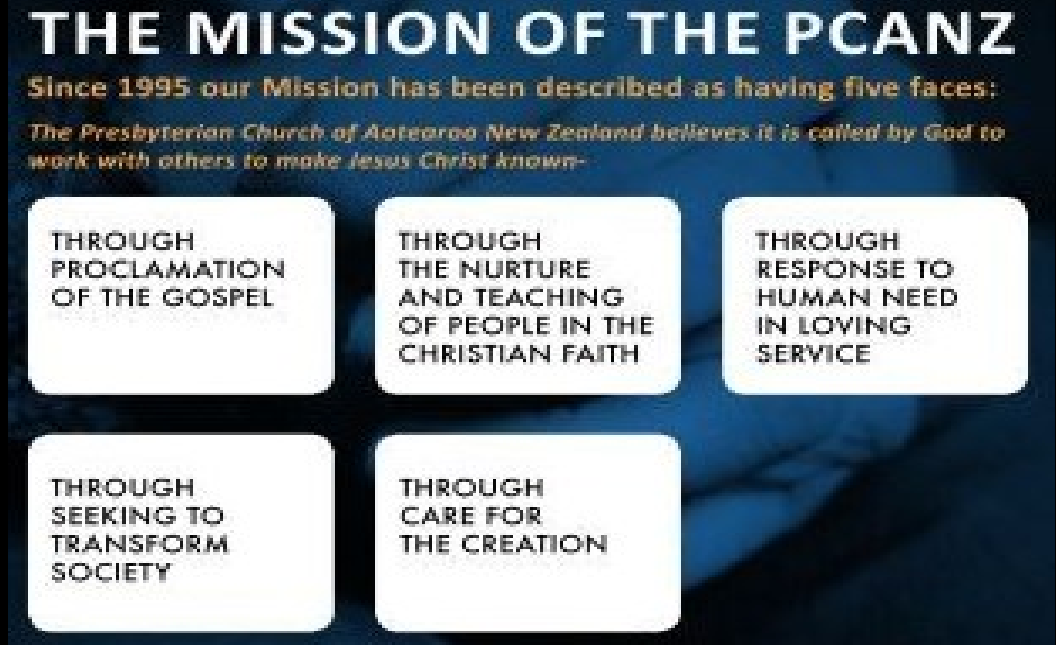


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The Parameters

We are called by God to work with others to make Jesus Christ known through the five faces of mission.

- Activity that informs and engages people in the local community
- Activity that serves to meet a need in the community
- Activity that aims to progress discipleship, aiming to increase membership and attendance in church activities (in terms of deepening faith, deepening relationships, increased involvement and commitment)
- Activity that seeks to understand and then arrange for Christian expressions of faith for those in the community



GUIDELINES FOR MISSION FUND APPLICATIONS

Intentionality

Capability

Ownership

Sufficiency

Accountability

The provision for multi year grants

The exclusions

The application



The Chinese use two brush strokes to write the word “crisis.”

One brush stroke stands for danger; the other for opportunity.

In a crisis, be aware of the danger; but recognize the opportunity.

John F. Kennedy

危機 (Wēijī)

Crisis

危 (Wēi) 機 (jī)

Danger

Opportunity