

SPP 2.0 WORK GROUP GUIDANCE

COMMUNITY IN-REACH AND OUTREACH

“An active and compassionate community caring for those within and serving those without”.

OUTPUT

- Identify early priorities for the next five years
- Suggest medium and long term milestones
- Suggest approaches to the planning process to further develop the objectives/directions as drafted below
- If time allows: identify specific actions and resourcing to take place over the next 5 years.

METHOD

- Form a group of 8-12 people (mix of volunteers and invited)
- Meet 2 times over the coming weeks
- Co-chairs to bring initial findings to the SPP 2.0 team workshop scheduled for Sat 28 Oct, 2-5pm. (Work group participants may attend if desired)

Potential strategic directions

- I. Recognize and build on the interdependence of a thriving community inside and a serving community reaching out to serve the needs of those beyond its doors.
- II. Work to foster a culture of community within the parish by practising “active hospitality”, closing the gap between “new” and “belonging” (eg. welcoming, mentoring and discovering right fit for the contribution and fulfillment of each person).
- III. Target all age groups to maintain and grow the congregation.
- IV. Work to foster a culture of community beyond our doors to achieve common goals as evolving and practising Christians, cementing our place in the community.
- V. Promote an external focus on social justice (e.g. building coalitions with our church and secular community neighbours, developing shared ministries, projects and spaces).
- VI. Build on our strengths as convenors, incubators, enablers.
- VII. Use our building as an enabler of community/outreach, offering a safe and sacred space.
- VIII. Learn from current successes and from the experiences of other parishes.
- IX. Develop our interrelationship with and within the diocese to pursue common goals and support our distinct yet often mutual interests.
- X. Harness technology to build up our active community.