



Diocese of Nelson

Diocesan Vision Statement

To be a network of local churches that are vibrant, Christ-centered communities of faith

To expand our vision statement, we believe that under the guidance and empowering of the Holy Spirit, God is calling our Diocese through its Parish and Ministry Units, together with our partners in Te Pihopatanga and the Diocese of Polynesia, to rejoice in the Mission God has given us and to:

1. To see every parish using relevant means of evangelism to reach the peoples of their communities and to see increasing numbers involved in the life of the church.
2. To see every parish providing relevant worship which glorifies God and is suited to the types of people in their community.
3. To see every parish nurturing all its members; equipping and supporting them for their ministry so that the church can fulfil its calling.
4. To see Christians in our parishes enthusiastic about their faith and growing spiritually; with a desire to share, serve and follow the Lord in costly discipleship so that the mission of the Church can be accomplished in our local communities, in our nation and overseas.
5. To see every parish giving love, healing and caring within their communities in such a way that human needs are met, injustices challenged and creation resources faithfully stewarded.
6. To see, where appropriate, the creation of new congregations and new parishes to more effectively reach the peoples of the Diocese.
7. To see our Diocesan family continually built up through mutual support and the right use of resources so that every parish is encouraged in its mission, adequately staffed and able to demonstrate the love and power of God through harmonious relationships.

As Anglicans in Aotearoa/New Zealand we hold to Scripture and the Historic Faith, we seek to exalt Jesus as Lord of the Church and our lives, and we join in the whole Community of God's people throughout the world in seizing the great possibilities that lie before us.

We accept the Anglican Consultative Council's definition of mission –

1. To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom.
2. To teach, baptise and nurture all believers.
3. To respond to human need by loving service.
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society.
5. To care for the earth and its resources.