

Marks of Mission

1. Christian mission begins and continues with personal and communal everyday discipleship.

- a) How are the lives of people connected with the Congregation growing and developing by the faith journey that they are on?

For example:

- What are stories of transformation?
- What are the stories of perseverance that have led to transformation (in the person persevering or the people impacted by the perseverance)?
- What commitments are being undertaken / made by people within the life of the Congregation to assist the development and growth of their own faith, that of others or both?

2. Christian mission involves sending – commissioning – recognising that we are on the move, not static

- a) How do your members give witness to their faith beyond the gathered congregation?
- b) How does the Congregation support them?

3. Christian mission involves proximity with the wider community – involving listening and dialogue

- a) How do individuals as well as individuals collectively within the Congregation connect with the world outside the church community?

For example:

- What type of individuals or groups are these individuals intentionally connecting / relating with as part of their response to faith commitment?
- What types of individuals or groups are intentionally seeking to connect / relate with members of the Congregation as part of the ministry initiatives being undertaken by these members.

4. Christian mission is as much about communities, networks as about individuals

- a) Who are the clusters of people (either formal or informal) within the life of the Congregation that gather around shared passions that bridge into the wider community?

5. Christian mission involves worship as much as evangelism and serving

Worship

- a) How does usual forms worship in which the Congregation participates both connect with and welcome people from a non church background?
- b) How does worship equip or inspire participants to continue to engage with their community / world?

Evangelism

- a) How are members of the Congregation motivated and trained to share their faith outside the life of the Congregation?
- b) How is this being put into practice?

Serving

- a) How does your Congregation serve the people on the fringe or beyond the immediate life of the Congregation?

- b) How does your Congregation serve and advocate on behalf of those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged?

6. Christian mission's end goal is the Kingdom of God – relationships reflecting the character and purpose of God

- a) How does the Congregation work through conflict to reconciliation?

Describe the healthy relationships (i.e. generosity, respect for others) present within the life of the Congregation which cater for diversity and provide hospitality to those within and outside the Congregation?