



Nelson Diocese Vision 2030 & Values

Jesus replied, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying. (John 1: 39)

An invitation to come and see Jesus today and join the adventure to make disciples.

Vision: (A clear, specific, and unique picture of the future for this place / people)

To see the Anglican Diocese of Nelson as a growing all-age whānau of disciples on the adventure of sharing Jesus Christ across the Top of the South and to the world.

Mission: (Why we do, what we do)

We cultivate vibrant local communities of faith that radiate the good news of Jesus Christ to the world around them.

Our Strategy (Pathways GATHER, GROW, GO)

1. GATHER:

*People in need **gathered** around Jesus to receive healing, hear truth, and be drawn into God's community.*

Our Mission Pathway seeks to teach, train & equip disciples of Jesus to share the Gospel in practical ways,

So that the church remains a faithful vessel for God's mission to bless the world with the Good News of Jesus across all spheres and stages of life.

To do this we will:

- Promote the Christian practices of prayer & fasting, generous giving and courageous living.
- Promote the best evangelism and creation care tools and Gospel-presentation material available for different age-groups, lifestyles, and cultures.
- Identify, train, and empower people with a heart for the last, least, lonely and lost.
- Encourage each Anglican community of faith to:
 - Align all activity towards the mission of God.
 - Regularly assess the needs in our communities.
 - Try outreach that is lightweight, low maintenance and adaptable.
 - Have clear strategies to engage with people of little or no understanding of Jesus and help those interested become devoted followers of Jesus.
 - And to explore diverse expressions of Christian community that will seek to gather diverse kinds of people.

2. GROW:

*Jesus transformed the lives of the apostles who in turn built the church through **growing** other disciples.*

Our Discipling Pathway seeks to teach, train & equip disciples of Jesus to help other disciples grow into mature believers who rightly handle Scripture, pray diligently, fellowship regularly and witness boldly,

So that everyone is supported, and disciple-making becomes foundational to church activity.

To do this we will:

- Promote the Christian responsibilities of discernment, prayer, fellowship, worship, and confession summed up in the question "*What is God saying and what are we doing about it?*"
- Identify, train, and empower people with gifts in coaching, training, and leading in small groups.
- Promote the best disciple-making tools available for small groups of different age-groups, cultures, and traditions.
- Encourage each Anglican community of faith to have workable plans for growing disciples who grow disciples in their local community.

3. GO:

*Jesus told the Apostles to "**Go**" and promised that He would remain present as they began a Good News movement that has adapted over time to faithfully represent Him to the ends of the earth.*

Our Leadership Pathway seeks to identify and invest in people of influence and release the resources of the church,



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So that leaders from all generations are activated as catalysts for change in the church and transformation in neighbourhoods and society.

To do this we will:

- Promote the Christian responsibilities of study, obedience, and servant-leadership.
- Identify, ordain, and develop leaders to move the established church forward and to see it grow.
- Identify, train, and empower evangelistically gifted/Pioneering leaders to help grow God's Kingdom through new ways.
- Identify, develop, and release people who are called to live mission-shaped lifestyles in their neighbourhoods.
- Promote the best suited approaches to church planting.
- Promote the best team building tools available for faith communities of different sizes, age-groups, cultures, and traditions.
- Encourage each Anglican community of faith to be actively raising up new leaders.
- Build a leadership greenhouse that will cultivate future leaders for the church.
- Ensure our leaders are of good character, that they express biblical convictions, lead safe communities, and are supported and held accountable.

Our Values:

Five strands: Family, Adventure, Innovation, Truth and Hospitality. F-A-I-T-H



1. We cultivate a deep sense of belonging as a Family - Whanaungatanga

We cultivate a deep sense of belonging as a family (Whanaungatanga). We believe that God loves all people regardless of age, culture, language or gender and these should not be barriers to belonging to the community of the church, the body of Christ. Therefore, we will show respect for everyone, treat everyone with fairness, protect the vulnerable, show grace and work as a unified team.

2. We embrace the Adventure - Mātātoa

We embrace the adventure (Mātātoa). We believe that God's mission is an adventure, where the Holy Spirit leads and empowers every member of the church to share the Good News in their sphere of influence. Therefore, we will be courageous, prepared, equipped and open to all possibilities for mission / community involvement.

3. We seek to Innovate – Akoranga learning to adapt and grow

We seek to innovate, learning to adapt and grow (Akoranga). We believe that God equips the church with leaders and inspires the church to adapt to meet the challenges of the age. Therefore, we will invest in leaders, enable innovation, remain teachable, and form structures that are light weight and low maintenance.



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4. We uphold the Truth - Whakapono. Truth in the Bible and in the Gospel of Jesus Christ as set forth in the Scriptures -

We trust in Jesus Christ as whole-hearted disciples (Whakapono). We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church, and through the Spirit guides the whole church and every believer into unity and maturity. Therefore, we will nurture a disciple-making culture where we are intentionally seeking to hear from God in Bible reading and prayer and act on what we hear..

5. We seek to respond to God's grace in Christ by being a people of blessing and radical Hospitality - Manaakitanga

We seek to reflect God's gracious hospitality, generously blessing others (Manaakitanga). We believe the Gospel received by Maori, shaped the Treaty of Waitangi and is God's Good News for all Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Therefore, we will honour our Treaty partners, show grace to other cultures, repent for wrongs done, and steward our Taonga to bless future generations