

What happens next?

43 charges across the Diocese are now engaged with their MAP Facilitator in discerning their missional thrust for the coming year, and planning the steps that will achieve the goals discerned.

If your charge is not one of these, then we encourage your Vestry to set aside time to discuss when it will embark on Mission Action Planning. Then simply apply in writing to the Dean at the Diocesan Centre and the process for being assigned a Facilitator will begin.

7 Development Teams have been created, each with a body of expertise and experience relating to one of the strands (The 'Worship, Prayer and Spirituality' strand has two Teams). They are there to offer advice, expertise, experience and educational resources to congregations locally. A Growth Fund is also available, intended to help water the new seedlings that the MAPs have sown.

Materials about growth, congregational MAPs, forms and protocols, and the history of the strategic work are available at:

<http://map.glasgow.anglican.org/>

*Spirit of our Loving God,
in your mercy and compassion
inspire, encourage and empower us
to live and work together
as a Diocese,
to allow your mission for us
to take flesh
through Jesus Christ
our Living and Eternal Lord.
Amen*

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Please continue to hold all this growth work in your prayers. As the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, let us grow together with God's grace.

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*I planted the seed, Apollos watered it,
but God has been making it grow. So
neither the one who plants nor the one
who waters is anything, but only God,
who makes things grow. We are
co-workers in God's service.*

1 Cor 3, 6-9

Why are we going for GROWTH?

After consulting with every charge and Region, we have discovered that ours is an organic faith. We who know ourselves to be loved and accepted by God are caught up in a cycle of grace. We desire to share the fullness of life with others who as yet do not know that love.

Often congregations try hard to do this, but struggle because they go it alone, or lack the resources, or don't know where to turn for help. Or try to do too much.

The Strategic Intention for Growth describes the ways – 'strands on the Vine'— in which the Diocese is focusing its energies to support congregations in their desire to grow in depth of understanding and spirituality, numbers and outreach. It is a framework, a coherent set of pathways, guiding our corporate life over the next five years. With God's grace, growth will develop in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.

Where will GROWTH be found?



How will we encourage further GROWTH?

Congregations are not expected to address these themes on their own. They are each supported by specially trained Facilitators who accompany them as they seek to discern which of the fruits they are being called to develop in the year ahead.

Together with this support, congregations work through a process called Mission Action Planning. They work out what new ideas need to be planted, what existing practices should be watered and what old ones can be pruned. They become focussed rather than frantic in their growth work,

The stories of these agreed developments in mission are harvested annually at a meeting attended by the Bishop or the Dean; shared by means of a dedicated Growth web-site (see over); celebrated at synods and Regional gatherings; given thanks for in prayer and at every Eucharist.

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

- August 2013 Day with Michael Harvey (Back to Church Sunday)
- January 2014 Bishop Graham Cray event
- September 2015 Second Diocesan Gathering