



Mission Shaped Criteria

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Being Mission Shaped means “participating in God’s redemptive work in the world”.
Bishop O’Neill

Marks of Being Mission Shaped:

1. Focused on God and what God is doing in all activities.
 - How is God the focus of each of our meetings, programs, projects, and activities?
 - How do we discern what God is doing in all of our activities?
 - In what ways can we be more intentional about focusing on God’s activity?
2. Embodying the Gospel of Christ – Proclamation
 - How do we equip people to know and experience the Gospel of Christ?
 - What spiritual practices help us embody the Gospel and experience God?
 - Where do we tell our stories of God’s activity in our lives?
 - How do we equip people to listen to others’ stories and name the holy?
3. Being a Transformational Community in the posture of Servanthood
 - How are we being salt and leaven in our local context?
 - How are we nurturing Paul’s five-fold areas of leadership: apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers, and pastors?
 - How are we deepening our posture of servanthood through theological reflection on missional experiences and projects?
4. Discipleship
 - In what ways do we engage in life long faith formation?
 - How do we intentionally form disciples of all ages in our parish?
 - What are the expectations for our members in terms of becoming disciples?
 - How are we as a congregation growing more deeply in our relationship with Christ?
5. Being a Healthy, Hospitable Faith Community
 - In what ways do we foster healthy relationships in our congregation?
 - How do we deal with conflict?
 - In what ways do we offer hospitality to newcomers? To strangers? To the community beyond us?
 - How do we demonstrate the love of God and live Gospel values?