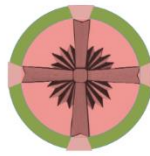


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Transforming Futures 2020

The Context:

Transforming Futures (TF) is a critical initiative in our diocese. Bishop Logan requested that we have our TF program and team in place by February 2020. Through our October 2019 parish consultation, and November council meeting, we nurtured the idea that we could transition smoothly from our successful 125th Anniversary Fundraiser in 2019 directly into our *TF* program in 2020, and we formalized this at our Annual Meeting of February 2, 2020.

How are we already implementing local on-site outreach as an expression of our parish and diocesan vision? How we are already “letting our light shine” (Matt. 5.16)? Here are five beacons of light:

Beacons of Light: five of our current priorities and programs

- 1) **Seniors Support** Programming ~ *Adult Day Program* & on-site *Hot Lunch Program* ~ year-round programming for vulnerable seniors and those facing isolation and dementia issues, offered in partnership with *West Coast Recreation Society (WCRS)*. Pandemic restrictions meant that we have to keep revisualizing how to serve and care for our elders through remote means and technology.
- 2) **Food, Shelter, & Recovery** Programming ~ support for people on the margins of society and those seeking recovery, local and on-site Homelessness responses, food, shelter, advocacy, and partnership with OHEART Society (*Oceanside Homelessness Education and Advocacy Response Team*), partnerships with AA, Al-Anon, and 12-step programming
- 3) **Youth Support** Programming ~ youth employment and volunteering opportunities, youth spiritual growth opportunities, on-site partnership and support for Girl Guides, Brownies, and Sparks
- 4) **Aspirational Simplicity** Programming ~ *the Friends of Clare and Francis* ~ a Franciscan presence, on-site and in Central Vancouver Island: Assisi Shelter, pet-inclusive events & services, animal blessings, promotion of diversity & inclusion, interspiritual education, environmental stewardship and advocacy, watershed discipleship, green-friendly practices and on-site improvements
- 5) **Educational Outreach** Programming ~ *Spirituality Beyond Borders: Education for Transformation*, on-site and in Central Vancouver Island: workshops, webcasts, partnerships with the *Centre for Action and Contemplation* and with the *Bethlehem Centre*, personal and spiritual growth, creative and diverse contemplative practice; Education for Ministry, 4-year local and regional adult education program

Actions of the Annual Vestry Meeting, 2020:

- 1) That we adopt the motto “Letting Our Light Shine” for our *Transforming Futures (TF)* campaign, and name our local *TF* campaign *Transforming Futures: Let Our Light Shine* (refinement from the floor of AVM: “Letting Our Light Shine”; original wording: “Let Your Light Shine”)
- 2) That we affirm and encourage our recent *Matching Donor* initiative, and solicit and promote further *Matching Donor* and *Match-the-Match* opportunities for 2020 and beyond, in order to both maintain present momentum, and also to encourage even further commitment to fundraising, and especially to support participation in *TF*.
- 3) That we commence our *TF* program immediately, effective February 2, 2020
- 4) That we roll the outstanding proceeds of our 125th anniversary fundraiser, in the approximate amount of \$160,000, raised during 2019, into our *Transforming Futures (TF)* plan for 2020 and beyond, effective February 01, 2020.
- 5) That we commit to participation in our *All Our Relations* event, June 12-14, with Archbishop Mark MacDonald, as our key educational event for the year, and our primary fundraising event for *TF*.
- 6) That we set a *TF* total target of \$300,000, inclusive of the \$160,000 already raised in 2019 for our 125th Anniversary, to be achieved over 2020 and 2021
- 7) That of the amount available for use in the parish on programs and projects consistent with the Diocesan Vision (maximum \$250,000 from the total of the \$300,000 target), that we prioritize our expenditures based on those forms of compassionate presence and outreach work that we are currently committed to
- 8) That, in order to realize our *TF* outreach commitments, we commit to support at least 50% of section B.2 of the respective 2020 and 2021 parish budgets that relate to Compassionate Action, Outreach, & Creative Arts, in the respective amounts of \$66,000 (2020) and \$72,000 (2021)
- 9) That we recognize and welcome the need for a parallel track of ongoing donations and fundraising in the wider community to cover capital, maintenance, and heritage needs and expenses, in relation to both our St. Edmund’s complex, St. Anne’s, and our churchyard, and that we recognize and support the idea and opportunity that there may be donors who are attracted to this as a primary form of donation and support for our community

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