



Disciples of Jesus, ***D***isciplining ***D***evonport

A **3D** Church – **D**isciples of Jesus, **D**isciplining **D**evonport

To help bring our Vision into reality, there are many things we will *DO* (some of which will change over time). But *primarily* - and along with any of the things we may aim to *do* - we will focus on fostering and strengthening a *culture* of ‘Discipleship’ in all things – *being* Disciples ourselves (and continuing to *grow* in that), and being about *making* Disciples, in our City of Devonport.

Our Mission – Developing a Discipleship Culture

A. Individual Discipleship – we will take every opportunity we can to grow individually as Disciples of Jesus – Personal and Corporate Bible Study, Sermons, Study Courses, Workshops, Seminars, Prayer Groups, etc.

B. Discipling each other – we will be intentional about helping *one another* grow in our Discipleship of Jesus. We will promote participation in Cursillo, and other methods of Discipling one another, as well as being overt in “spurring one another on towards love and good deeds.”

C. Discipling Devonport – we will work to develop clear means and opportunities for those far away from Jesus to become his Disciples, as well: We will develop and promote activities and pathways which **Engage, Evangelize, Establish and Equip** everyone, from non-Christians through to the most mature Disciple of Jesus.

Strategies

Under the guidance and enabling of God's Holy Spirit, and thoroughly shaped by the Word of God, *some* of the Strategies we will employ to accomplish our Mission:

1. **Prayer** – **we will** be intentional about surrounding everything with Prayer, providing various opportunities for corporate prayer.
2. **Evangelism** – **we will** provide multiple opportunities for *training* in personal Evangelism, as well as regular Evangelistic activities and events where people can invite others to consider the Good News of Jesus Christ.
3. **Welcome and inclusion** – **we will** be an open and welcoming community: not pardoning sin, but welcoming *all* fellow-sinners.
4. **Safety** – **we will** ensure we are a 'safe' environment for children, vulnerable people, and indeed for everyone.
5. **Children, youth and families** – **we will** work hard to reach out and include all people, but especially young people and families. We will look for creative ways to connect with children and youth, and build ministry to and for them. We will seek to foster connections with local schools and their Chaplains and Mentors, and other agencies working with children and families.
6. **Ministry to Elderly** – **we will** strengthen and develop our provision of Pastoral Care in Nursing Homes, and to others removed from Church fellowship by age and infirmity.
7. **Branding** – **we will** use consistent 'branding'. Our new Parish Logo is on the front cover. Our 'Vision Statement' is above. Some combination of these, as appropriate, will feature in all media – signs, letterhead, multimedia, etc.

8. **Online Presence** – we will develop an attractive, informative, and user-friendly online presence – Website, Social Media, etc.

9. **Partnerships** – we will work to form and grow Partnerships with other Churches of Devonport, other Anglican Churches across the State, Anglicare, and other Christian support agencies. We will work with the Diocese to maximize skills, resources and opportunities to fulfill our Vision.

10. **Finances** – we will, as far as possible, ensure the majority of our financial resources are directed towards areas that will foster Discipleship. We will seek to enhance our Financial Position through our sacrificial giving, as an *expression* of our Discipleship, and through increasing the *number* of faithful Disciples in our Parish. We will seek assistance from the Diocese, and others with expertise, to maximize the financial resources available to sustain our Mission.

11. **World Mission** – we will express our Discipleship of Jesus, in his concern for the *whole world*. We will support and pray for Missionaries, Mission Agencies, and God’s Mission beyond our Parish boundaries.

12. **Civic Ministry** – we will strive to take advantage of opportunities for ‘Civic Ministry’ – in connection with the Devonport City Council, the RSL, Service Clubs, and other Organizations.

13. **Consolidation for Growth** – we will work towards consolidating our Parish facilities onto one Site, or Centre. We will seek expert assistance in formulating and directing our decisions around such consolidation.