

# The Five Marks of Mission

## **The Mission of the Church Is the Mission of Christ**

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

We recognize with gratitude that the Five Marks of Mission, developed by the Anglican Consultative Council between 1984 and 1990, have won wide acceptance among Anglicans, and have given parishes and dioceses around the world a practical and memorable "checklist" for mission activities. (The Episcopal Church)

"A mission team is a group that provides vision, direction, oversight and coordination around an area. A ministry entails 'hands-on' work." (St. Stephen Episcopal Church, Crownsville, MD)

All Christians are called to give of themselves in ministry. There are countless opportunities for service and outreach to individual members of our congregation, to the congregation as a whole, to our local community, and to the world. Our ministries are evidence of our love, since love is not an emotion, but an action.