

# Christ Church Gabriola Visioning Worksheet

September 1, 2020

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your answers will be kept confidential.*

## INSTRUCTIONS for completing and returning the worksheet

### RETURNING YOUR COMPLETED WORKSHEET

When you have completed your worksheet to your own satisfaction, please do both these things:

1. Have it with you when you attend one of the congregational meetings, either 1:30 pm on Wednesday, September 16, or 10:00 am on Friday, September 18, on Zoom, where small groups will discuss the Provocative Propositions and answer some other questions about them.
2. Return your completed worksheet in one of these ways:

Drop it into the labeled box on the porch at Reverend Karen Hollis's home, 1137 North Road, between September 16 and September 25 OR

Mail it to Reverend Karen Hollis, 1137 North Road, Gabriola VOR 1X3, by September 22 OR

Call one of the following Visioning Team members who will come and pick it up from you:

Susan (250) 247-9467

Shelagh (250) 325-4005 OR

Scan it and send it electronically to: [shelaghhouston@shaw.ca](mailto:shelaghhouston@shaw.ca).

**This statement of context explains how your worksheet input will be used in the Visioning process. Feel free to read it first, or to begin the worksheet immediately.**

### CONTEXT

This worksheet is the next step in our Visioning Process. It presents the results of the work we have all done in the Visioning Conversations held earlier this year. The Team has spent time discerning the key characteristics and directions you brought up in the conversations, and has shaped these themes, ideas, stories and dreams into **Provocative Propositions**. These statements aim to describe our 'essence' as a congregation, both as we are, and as we will be: that is, as we wish and intend to be in our envisioned future.

In this worksheet, you are being asked to assess these **Provocative Propositions**. Some questions ask for your views about the individual Propositions, and some ask you to prioritize the Propositions or decide among them. The Team wants to find out if the congregation thinks we have captured 'who we are and who we are called to be' accurately, or if changes of content or emphasis are needed.

The Visioning Team will use your input on this worksheet, as well as the input provided by the small group discussions in mid-September, to draft a Vision, based on the Provocative Propositions which you, the congregation, decide fit us well and inspire us to action.

We are using the word "Vision" to describe a set of statements (we will not narrow them down to one) which we as a congregation collectively adopt and to which we will commit ourselves, as a guide to our future directions and focus. These statements assert what is, or will be, true of us as Christ Church Gabriola, rather than making general statements which would be true of most faith communities.

The draft Vision will be presented to the congregation for their discussion, approval and commitment at a congregational meeting. We will use the adopted Vision to guide our future planning, under the leadership of an Implementation Team.

**PART ONE: ASSESSING INDIVIDUAL PROPOSITIONS**

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**PART TWO: COMPARING PROPOSITIONS**

After you have assessed each proposition individually, please answer these questions about the complete list:

Which one proposition are you most in favour of?  # _____
Which proposition would you be most willing to work on with your time, talents or treasure?  # _____
If you had to omit one of the propositions, which one would you drop?  # _____

**OPTIONAL:**

If you have any other suggestions, ideas, or comments for the Visioning Team, please write them here.
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*This list of all the propositions is for your reference. When you return the completed worksheet, feel free to keep this page for your own information.*

### **List of Provocative Propositions**

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